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The Brome County Historical ... Society ...

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— AT —

KNOWLTON, P. QUE.

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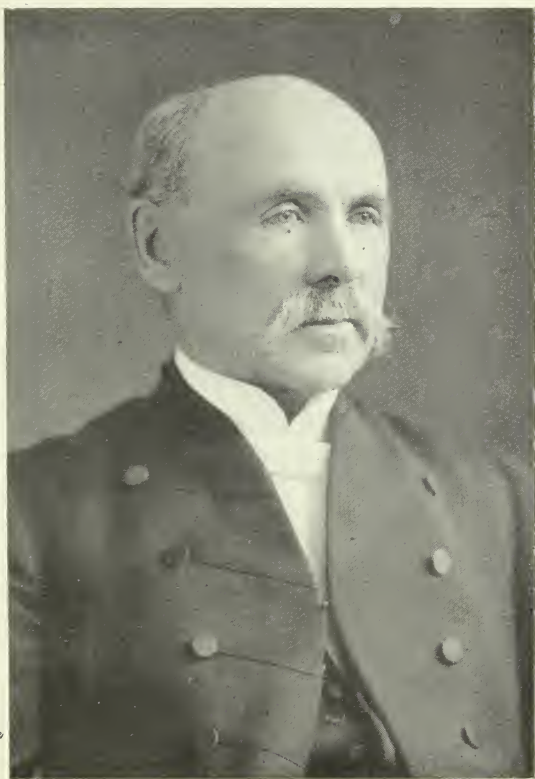
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John Reade.....Montreal
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Hon. Justice Lynch.

Minutes of Proceedings

Since Publication of Volume 1.

The annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Museum of the Society in Knowlton, August 16th, 1902. There were present: Hon. Justice Lynch, President in the chair, Mrs. N. Pettes, Judge Foster, Rev. J. J. Theakston, Mr. Lester Ball, Mr. and Mrs. H. Addison Lawrence, P. W. Taber, Miss Marion Taber, John P. Noyes, H. A. Honeyman, B.A., Nelson P. Emerson, Miss Williams, Mrs. Godue, Col. Patten, Stewart J. Carter, Miss Carter, Harold E. J. Taylor, Miss N. Honeyman, Miss H. Walbridge, Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Percy C. Duboyce, B.A.B.C.L., Mr. W. W. Smith, Mr. G. B. Capel, Mr. W. Wells.

The Secretary Treasurer also being present

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion of the Secretary and seconded by Col. Patten they were confirmed.

It was moved by Ernest M. Taylor seconded by Judge Foster that the East Farnham Directors be authorized to proceed with the repairing and renovation of the Gale Monument. — Carried unanimously.

Two of the Directors, P. W. Taber and H. A. Lawrence reported over forty dollars in hand for this purpose.

Motion re Brome History:

Whereas it has at the last annual meeting been resolved that a history of Brome County be written and that Rev. E. M. Taylor has been appointed as the historian of the Society and a grant asked from the County of Brome and from the Government of the Province of Quebec that there be no further delay in the matter, It is moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Col. Patten: That a committee consisting of Judge Lynch, R. N. England and the mover Judge Foster be appointed as a history Committee to work in conjunction with the Rev. E. M. Taylor, and to have charge of all matters connected with the

preparation and publication of a history of the County of Brome. — Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by John P. Noyes and unanimously resolved; That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to spare the life of our Beloved Sovereign, His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward the VII, we as members of the Brome County Historical Society in annual meeting assembled in the village of Knowlton in the Province of Quebec, Canada, desire to express our gratitude, for his recovery, our rejoicing in his coronation, our affection for him and our loyalty to the throne of England, and earnestly join in the prayer of all loyal subjects that King Edward the VII may long be spared to reign over us and the British Empire to which in the Providence of God he has been appointed.

It was moved by Mr. N. P. Emerson and seconded by Mr. H. A. Honeyman that the Secretary be requested to prepare a petition to the County Council asking for aid in the preparation of a history of the County. — Carried.

Judge Foster moved, seconded by John P. Noyes, Esq. K.C., that the officers be reelected with the following exceptions, that the name of L. E. Dyer be substituted for that of E. A. Dyer, and the name George A. Adams be substituted for that of Rev. R. D. Mills. — Carried.

On a motion and seconded by John P. Noyes, Esq., a resolution of thanks to the Secretary was passed.

The following paid their fees at the time of the meeting:—

J. P. Noyes, P. W. Taber, N. P. Emerson, H. A. Honeyman, Mrs. N. Pette's, H. A. Lawrence, Lester Ball, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer

SUTTON CENTENNIAL

On the 30th of August 1902, a very large audience gathered in front of the Town Hall in Sutton. The day was fine.

The local Committee had been active and successful.

Some rooms of the Hall contained a fine array of relics of early days in Sutton.

The names of the Committee will be found in Vol. I of the



G. Henry Boright and Grandson.

transactions of the Society, page 35. L. E. Dyer being the President of the Committee and L. L. Jenne, Secretary.

The Chair was taken by G. H. Boright, Esq. and the following gentlemen spoke: Col. Patten, Rev. J. H. Fowler, M.A., Rev. W. H. Stevens, Messrs. J. C. Draper, Nelson P. Emerson, Dr. MacDonald and the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Taylor.

The Secretary presented the regrets of Honorable Judge Lynch, the president of the Society, at being unable to attend in consequence of illness. Hon. H. T. Duffy and Hon. S. A. Fisher were unable to attend.

The Secretary read the following letter from the veteran historian of the Eastern Townships, Mr. Cyrus Thomas, who published his history of the Eastern Townships nearly forty years ago.

“Richford, Vt. Aug. 30th 1902.

L. E. Dyer, Esq.,

Dear Sir: —

It is with sincere regret I have to say that indisposition prevents me from attending the Centennial Celebration to which you have kindly invited me. I believe that my interest in any one of the Eastern Townships is sufficient to render an attendance at a celebration designed to honor an important event of its history a source of much pleasure. How much greater then the pleasure, by the Centennial Celebration of a Township which has been my home for nearly half a century.

During this long period I have been a witness of the moral, mental and physical progress of this Township, from the crude conditions of pioneer life to that stage where life is rendered more easy and pleasant by the promotion of religion, education, agricultural as well as other forms of physical science.

I believe no one will challenge my assertion, when I say that in the pursuit of those things which are regarded as evidences of prosperity, Sutton in her onward march has been outstripped by none of her sister Townships. It can therefore be only with feelings of gratification, that her citizens to-day look back upon the events of the past century; and we trust that in so doing they may be inspired with deeper patriotism, and a desire to emulate the energy, the industry, and virtues, not only of their ancestors, but the industrious of every land

by whose wisdom and labor national prosperity and honour are achieved.

I am Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

C. THOMAS."

Judge Foster, who was also unable to be present addressed the following as a summary of the speech he would have delivered: This was also read to the audience.

Knowlton, Aug. 28th, 1902.

"Rev. E. M. Taylor,

Secretary and Treasurer of B. C. H. S.

My dear Secretary; —

I am sorry that I can not be with you and Judge Lynch, for the Sutton Centennial, but will write what I would have said upon the occasion had I been there.

"As we are assembled here under the shadow of Sutton's lofty and trusted sentinel "Round Top" celebrating the centennial of the first settlement in the Township of Sutton, different sentiments fill my heart as I look round upon the friends who have gathered here today to do honor to Sutton, and my first thought is for the departed, the men and women who having lived lives of patriotic devotion to their native or adopted country, have gone down to their graves, loved and respected by relatives and friends living under both flags, and honored by neighbors and fellow citizens, who through many years of honest toil paid tribute to their manly and womanly work. And my next thought is for the work accomplished by the men and women who still are with us, and who contribute day after day in bringing their beautiful townships into prominence before the world at large.

These townships, as all know, have produced men and women who have taken a foremost place in every branch of our country's progress, and whether their place has been on the farm, in the little and larger school houses, teaching Christianity and love of native or adopted country to these children of Country parts; in the workshop, in the factory, in commercial life, in the halls of Parliament, in professional life, or even in the sacred callings of the Church, each and all of them, I say, reflect credit upon the Country which gave them birth and distinguished them as men and women whose names do honor

to the townships, and whose daily works proclaim them worthy of the best efforts of their honored forefathers.

These townships are destined to play an important part in the political, commercial, and agricultural history of Canada, and it is most appropriate that this centennial and celebration, should take place in the same place in the same year, and only within a few weeks of the day upon which our noble King came to the throne of Great Britain. I am among the few remaining who can say, I have lived under and loyally served four of England's Sovereigns, King George IV, King William IV, Queen Victoria, and last but not least, King Edward the VII, and it is my pride and a great pleasure for me to see in Canada in my day, manifest evidences of a strong and united Canadian Nationality, worshipping God before their respective altars, speaking the language taught at their mother's knee, and splendidly united in the enjoyment of that grand heritage, known as British citizenship. We here in the Eastern Townships are a peculiar people, we live in close contact with a people of another nation, we have in that Country men and women, who are endeared to us by family ties, and by long social and business intercourse, and yet, I can truly say, that in no part of the world does the durbbeat of Britain's glory, and Britain's power, fall with sweeter and more thrilling music, than upon the ears of the people of the County of Brome, and these Eastern Townships.

A kind Providence has given favors to this part of Canada, which but few sections of the Dominion possess. We have a good country and supported by our French Canadian friends whom destiny has given us as fellow citizens, and as tried and trusted allies, we can safely adopt England's watch word, "What We Have We'll Hold."

We have a good God, a good King, and a glorious country and we citizens of Canada, have only to be true to ourselves, and true to all our privileges, and then, all will be well with us, with our homes, and our country.

Yours truly,

SAM'L W. FOSTER.

The committee of refreshments had well provided for the guests, and the museum of Sutton relics was a credit to those who had charge of the arrangements. Many things have since been handed over to the County Museum.

The following is a list of the Committees as published in

the first volume of transactions of the Society, and appointed in Sutton at a public meeting held in the Town Hall, May 26th, 1902.

Executive Committee: —

L. E. Dyer, L. L. Jenne, Dr. F. A. Cutter, G. H. Boright, A. W. Westover, R. M. Noyes and R. T. MacDonald, M.D.

Selection of Grounds: —

Dr. F. A. Cutter, N. P. Emerson, and A. Wallace.

Programme Committee: —

G. H. Boright, L. E. Dyer, F. A. Olmstead, and J. C. Draper.

Refreshment Committee: —

Mrs. (Dr.) MacDonald, Mrs (Dr.) Cutter, Mrs. H. A. Dyer, Mrs. L. E. Dyer, and Mrs. L. L. Jenne.

Musical Committee: —

A. W. Westover, Dr. MacDonald and J. C. Draper.

Museum Committee: —

R. M. Noyes, Wm. Brown, W. A. Wells, Geo. F. Cutter, Brock Jones, S. P. Spencer, W. R. Eastman, S. Bresee, Lester Hawley and H. J. Ingalls.

President of Executive, L. E. Dyer. Secretary, L. L. Jenne.

The Brome Band was on hand on the 30th of August and rendered good service.

This has been the only Centennial from which Judge Lynch has been absent.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Court House in the Village of Knowlton on Dec. 27th, 1902. Notices had been issued to each Director and public notices printed in the local papers and special notices put up in public places.

There were present: — Hon. Judge Lynch, President in the Chair, Judge Foster, H. S. Foster, William F. Wilkins, Wm. Brown, Fred. England, Thomas A. Knowlton, Col



Thomas A. Knowlton

Patten, N. P. Emerson, M. Hawley, E. H. Wilkins, John Wilkins, M. H. Bedee, David Cousens, Ernest M. Taylor and many others.

Judge Lynch reported very encouraging progress in the matter of the preparation of the History of Brome.

It was moved by W. F. Wilkins and seconded by Wm. Brown: —

That the thanks of this Society be conveyed to the Council of Brome County for its generosity in granting the prayer of the Society's petition in allowing the sum of one hundred dollars per year for the next three years to aid in defraying the expense attending the preparation of the material for the history of the County which the Society has undertaken. — Carried unanimously.

Moved by Nelson P. Emerson and seconded by Col. Patten: —

That the Society appreciate very highly the kindness of the following ladies and gentlemen in undertaking to give for the next three years the sum of five dollars towards the expense of preparing the history of Brome County; — Mrs. N. Pettes, S. W. Foster, W. W. Lynch, R. N. England, D. A. Manson, E. A. Dyer, H. S. Foster, Geo. G. Foster, L. A. Perkins, L. E. Dyer, E. G. Chapman, Hon. S. A. Fisher, H. A. Lawrence, Aylmer Place, J. A. Buck, G. H. Boright, Garrett Safford, David Cousens, and A. W. McLaughlin, and that in recognition of this generous act that all of these several persons who are not already life members of the Society be enrolled as such. — Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by E. H. Wilkins: —

That special thanks of the Society be tendered to the Hon. H. T. Duffy for his great kindness in obtaining from the Department of the Provincial Government over which he presides, the recognition of the Society's work by the handsome donation of fifty dollars towards the proposed history, as well as a prior purchase of the Society's published report to the extent of a like sum of fifty dollars and that in recognition of this valuable service, the Hon. Mr. Duffy be made a life member of the Society. — Carried unanimously.

The President then read the following, in relation to the old Academy property now in litigation between T. A. Knowl-

ton and the corporation of St. Paul's Church, Knowlton:

The Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Knowlton
And the Church Wardens of said Church.

Gentlemen; —

I understand that another effort is being made looking to a settlement of the litigation pending between you and me respecting ownership of the property donated by my late uncle, the Hon. Paul Holland Knowlton, for the purpose of a school in connection with the Church of England. I am further informed that such proposed settlement has for its object that you and I should abandon any claim we may have respectively to said property and that we should cede and assign the same together with any sum of money which is the result of the sale of any part of the original property to "The Brome County Historical Society."

I desire to inform you that I cheerfully consent to such a proposition and that I will make such cession and abandonment of all my rights and pretensions on condition that I am relieved from the payment of any costs in the pending suit, which I will discontinue the moment this arrangement is finally accepted, and on condition that the said property and the building now thereon erected and to be erected shall be forever known as the "Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial", and that said Historical Society undertake to put said buildings in a proper state of repair and to forever maintain them in such condition; and that should said Historical Society fail to keep up and maintain said buildings and property in a proper condition for the space of one year, then the whole of said property would revert to and become the absolute property of the Corporation of the Village of Knowlton.

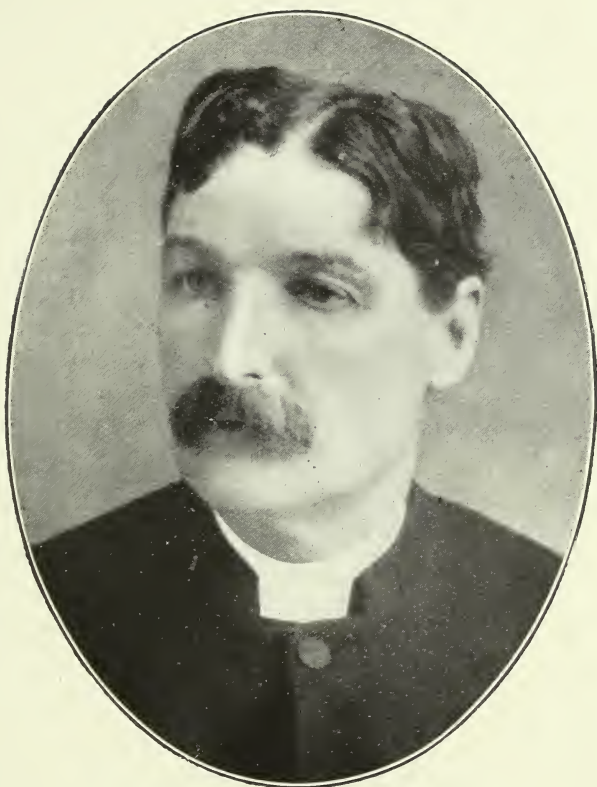
If it be thought desirable to secure legislative authorization of such proposed transaction, I further undertake to do all in my power to facilitate the same.

I would suggest that if anything is to be done in the direction of this proposed settlement it should be done without delay.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) T. A. KNOWLTON.



Rev. Canon J. S. Carmichael.

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church held on the 24th of November, 1902, the following resolution was adopted: —

Moved by Mr. Justice Lynch, seconded by Judge Foster and carried,

“That the proposition as embodied in the letter from T. A. Knowlton be accepted.” After some remarks by several persons it was then moved by Judge Foster and seconded by E. H. Wilkins: —

“That having heard the proposition of T. A. Knowlton Esq., accepted by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Knowlton, as set forth in the copies of the document now submitted to this meeting, as well as the explanations of the same made by our President and others, and after due consideration of the same: it be resolved that this Society accept the trust which this proposition involves and, relying upon the devotion and generosity of its members and friends, undertake to discharge the serious responsibility which this trust involves; and that the President and Secretary be authorized to become parties to whatever documents are required to give legal effect to the same. — Carried unanimously.

Moved by Judge Foster and seconded by David Cousens:—
— “That the President and Secretary be authorized to apply to the Legislature, with the aid and assistance of Mr. Knowlton and of the Rector and Church Wardens of said St. Paul's Church for Legislation to ratify and confirm such trust and conveyance, and that in such it be provided that Mr. Knowlton and said Rector, and such persons as shall replace them shall be ex-officio directors of this Society.”—Carried unanimously.

Moved by R. N. England seconded by H. S. Foster: —

“That in the preparation of the proposed history of Brome County the same be done as much as possible by each township and that the portion relating to each township before its final adoption, be submitted for the inspection of the director or directors for that particular township. — Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Meeting of the Executive of the Brome County Historical Society was held on its grounds, May 2nd 1903.

Present: Hon. Justice Lynch presiding, Judge Foster, Aylmer Place, Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael, T. A. Knowlton, H. Addison Lawrence, N. P. Emerson, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, Secretary Treasurer and others.

Hon. Justice Lynch made an informal report of the settlement of the law suit connected with the acquisition of the property known as the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial.

On motion of Aylmer Place and seconded by H. A. Lawrence it was unanimously agreed that Judge Lynch, Judge Foster, Rural Dean Carmichael, T. A. Knowlton and Ernest M. Taylor, be an executive Committee to manage all affairs connected with P. H. Knowlton Memorial Building until the annual meeting. Meeting adjourned.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

E. M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

The meeting of the Historical Committee met on the grounds of the Society on the 8th of May, 1903. There were present; Hon. Judge Lynch, Judge Foster, Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael and Rev. E. M. Taylor. The Committee of the Council of the Village Corporation of Knowlton being also present.

Mayor Williams, A. W. Pettes and E. P. Stevens, Councilors, John E. Fay, Secretary Treasurer being also present. The proposal having been made to give the wooden part of the old Academy to the Corporation of the village, the Committee of the Council expressed themselves in favor of the acceptance of the building for the purpose of a fire station.

It was understood that the building should be given by the Historical Society to the Corporation.

And if the Corporation decides to move to the North West Corner of the Historical Society's grounds, such permission shall be given so long as the building is used for a fire station. But in case the Corporation choose another site subsequently they shall have permission to remove the building.

But no deed of the land shall be given.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Knowlton, July 23rd, 1903.



Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial.

An informal meeting of the Committee was held in the Society's Building to-day. Present Judge Lynch, Judge Foster, G. G. Foster, K. C. Dean Carmichael, Thomas Knowlton and the Secretary. It was decided that the Secretary write to the Mayor and strongly urge upon him the importance of the proceeding at once to fit up the building as a Fire Station as per contract. It was agreed to find out the cost of a new iron roof, new floor and other necessary improvements.

W. W. LYNCH,	ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
President.	Secretary
Knowlton, Aug. 29th, 1903.	

The annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society assembled in the Court House.

His Lordship Judge Lynch in the Chair.

Mr. H. A. Lawrence presented a report of the work on the Gale Monument now completed under his care.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by H. A. Lawrence. That this meeting now adjourn to meet on Saturday the 3rd of October in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial of the Historical Society at one o'clock P.M. — Carried.

W. W. LYNCH,	ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
President.	Secretary.

The adjourned annual meeting and the opening of the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial was held as per previous resolution in the P. H. K. Memorial, Oct. 3rd 1903.

There were present Lordship Judge Lynch presiding, Judge Foster, Daniel Giddings, Rural Dean Carmichael, H. Addison Lawrence, E. A. Dyer, Ex. M. P., Judge Hemming, Dr. Fisher, Principal Davies, Mayor H. E. Williams, Messrs. N. P. Emerson, M. H. Bedee, Davignon, Fleury, D. A. Cousens, H. Baker, B. C. L., Rev. W. H. Stevens, A. J. Dyer, R. N. England, Horace S. Greene and Ernest M. Taylor and others.

The following ladies were also present ; Mesdames, Lynch, N. Pettes, Dubyce, E. M. Taylor, D. A. Cousens, B. J. Martin, Mizener, Beals, Misses Williams and Meiklejohn and many others. The meeting was called to order by the President and on motion of Mr. H. A. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. D. A. Cousens, the minutes were unanimously adopted. His Lordship Judge Lynch addressed the meeting as follows ;—

Ladies and Gentlemen;—

The Brome County Historical Society meets to-day under circumstances of unusual interest calculated to inspire us with feelings of intense thankfulness for what has been accomplished in the past and to establish in us a fixed determination to persevere in the modest work upon which we have entered.

Who could have imagined when that little gathering took place in the early part of 1897, in the county house across the way, at the instance of our veeerable Hon. President Lester Ball, that in six years a strong and vigorous society would have come into existence, with enduring marks to attest its progress planted successively in the townships of Brome, Bolton, and Farnham, and finally culminating in its occupation of this magnificent home dedicated to the memory of a man who loved the county of Brome and unceasingly devoted himself to promote its best interests. No, the most fertile imagination could hardly have pictured such a transition.

The meeting in question had for its object the centennial celebration of the first settlement in the township of Brome; and I recollect well with what trepidation we entered even upon that humble venture.

It is another illustration of the principle that there must be no hesitancy in a movement which has for its object the accomplishment of some good and useful purpose.

The past year has been a monumental one in the history of this society full of interesting events and all tending to its further growth and advancement.

Last year in furtherance of our determination to proceed with the preparation of the history of the county, we applied for financial assistance to the provincial government through the member for the county, our late distinguished friend, the Hon. H. T. Duffy. We asked for \$100. annually for three years; and I was persistent in urging that the grant should be made, resolved not to accept a refusal.

Finally Mr. Duffy lost all patience and on the 19th of February, 1902, wrote me as follows: — "No one here takes the Brome County Historical Society seriously; and as it only exists in the county of Brome, and no similar society exists in other parts of the Province, I am asked why the Province should subscribe to an institution purely local.

I have been doing what I can for this Society, and I am prepared to pay one hundred dollars out of my own pocket to settle the matter."

Needless to say that this letter closed the correspondence; and I made no further effort to open the door which had been closed against me. I felt that Mr. Duffy was quite sincere in the position he had taken; and knowing him as I did, I was convinced that it was useless to expect any assistance from the government. At the same time I was not, under the circumstances, disposed to hold him to his promise to contribute \$100.

However, he had not forgotten it; and during the year he sent \$50. to our Secretary towards the cost of publishing our proceedings and subsequently another \$50. to me towards the funds of the Society.

Where then were we to turn for help? After our last meeting I addressed a circular letter to a number of gentlemen in the country asking them if they would not undertake to give us \$5. a piece annually during three years; and I am delighted to tell you, speaking from memory, that sixteen responded favorably. But this did not give us an assurance of all the aid that we felt we required to ensure the successful completion of the history. We then applied to the municipal council of the county and I am proud to report that without a dissenting voice, that council responded to our appeal and generously voted us \$100. a year for the next three years. I needn't tell you that when I reported these things to our Secretary, he was delighted beyond measure; for his whole heart and soul is bound up in this Society and particularly in the history which it proposes publishing.

Let me allude for a moment to the manner in which we became possessed of this valuable property where we now are.

On the 9th of November, 1854, the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton as expressed in his deed of donation of that date "out of his free good will and for the advancement of learning in the said township of Brome," gave to the late Archdeacon Lindsay acting for his brother, the late Robert Lindsay, then Minister of St. Paul's Church, Brome and then absent in England, about ten acres of land with "a brick schoolhouse thereon erected and built for the express purpose of a high school, and to and for no other use or purpose whatsoever in connection with St. Paul's Church, Brome, and of the established Church of England."

Subsequently the ground on which the county building stands was sold and afterwards the greater portion of the remaining land was sold to Dr. Prime, leaving with the building the present extent of land about three fourths of an acre. The

Church of England true to the trust committed to it by the donor, maintained the school for many years; and most of the men and women of the older generation, resident in Brome township and in the vicinity, were educated here, many of them becoming useful and successful citizens here and elsewhere.

Finally Knowlton became incorporated as a village, with a separate school organization; and the church authorities thinking that the trust given it could be better carried out by the school commissioners gave them a lease of the property for school purposes.

In course of time, the village becoming more ambitious and desiring more extensive school premises, the lease was cancelled and the property reverted to the church.

With a school existing under the regularly constituted authorities, it was thought undesirable to attempt a second school, with the result that the property lay idle. Mr. T. A. Knowlton, the universal residuary legatee of his uncle, the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton, made a claim to the property on the ground that as it was no longer used for the purposes for which it was given, it reverted to him. The church resisted this claim; and a suit was taken. When the suit was about to be tried mutual friends intervened and suggested that the property in dispute should be abandoned by both parties and handed over to the Brome County Historical Society and maintained by it for all time as a memorial of the donor, the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton. This was agreed to, and on the 28th of January, 1903, before E. Fleury, N.P., an act was signed giving effect to it and embodying all the conditions on which the transfer was made.

In order to remove all possible doubt as to the legality of the transaction, application was made to the legislature for the passage of an act to confirm it. This was done, the act was assented to on the 25th of April, 1903, and became law as chapter 124 of 3 Edward VII. I shall presently ask the Secretary to read the deed in order that you may see exactly what our obligations are.

We have conformed thus far to all that was imposed upon us; and after paying all obligations assumed by us, a few days since I handed the Secretary \$374.31, which has been used towards making the improvements which I trust you will find satisfactory.

Our esteemed friend, Geo. G. Foster, K.C., is leading a

movement among the old scholars to assist in meeting the large expense which has already been incurred in order to put this building and the grounds in first class condition, to make it the fitting home of the Society. Already generous subscriptions have been received not only from some of the old scholars but from friends of the Society, as you will shortly learn from the treasurer's statement; but this will require to be largely supplemented in order to meet the demands upon us and it is hoped that our friends will help us in the good work we have in hand.

It will be remembered that some time since we acquired the land on which the Gale Monument stands, with a right of way to the road. Owing to the dilapidated condition of the monument, our director, Mr. H. A. Lawrence, was requested to see that the necessary repairs were made and also that a fence be built around the monument itself.

Mr. Taylor and I visited East Farnham on the 25th August last, where we were most hospitably entertained at the residence of Mr. Lawrence. It was found, as is usually the case, that the needed repairs were more extensive than was at first supposed; but they have been made in a most satisfactory manner, and a beautiful iron fence has been built around the plot, the whole presenting a most attractive appearance.

The expense was considerable; but it is confidently expected that the relatives of the late Mr. Gale will gladly reimburse the Society for this outlay.

I would strongly recommend that some time next year a picnic be held under the auspices of the Society, near this place, on Gale Mountain. It is an interesting locality as being one of the earliest settlements made in the County.

The present position of the Society with its increased and increasing responsibilities, required, I think, some radical changes in our constitution.

I would suggest that the officers of the Society consist of two Honorary Presidents, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and one trustee from each Municipality in the County, except that of the village of Knowlton which shall have four trustees; and that the Executive Committee be composed of the Honorary Presidents, the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the two ex-officio trustees.

I would also suggest that the Annual Membership fee be made \$1. and that the life membership fee be increased from

\$5. to \$20. It occurs to me that the ladies should be more intimately connected with our work than they are now.

In Ontario the ladies are among the most active and useful workers in historical research. There is nothing to prevent them now from being chosen officers of the Society; and I would see with pleasure some of them elected at the present meeting. I think we might have a ladies' committee with its own President, and Secretary, working in its own way on the lines of the Society's work, and reporting to the Society as to its operations.

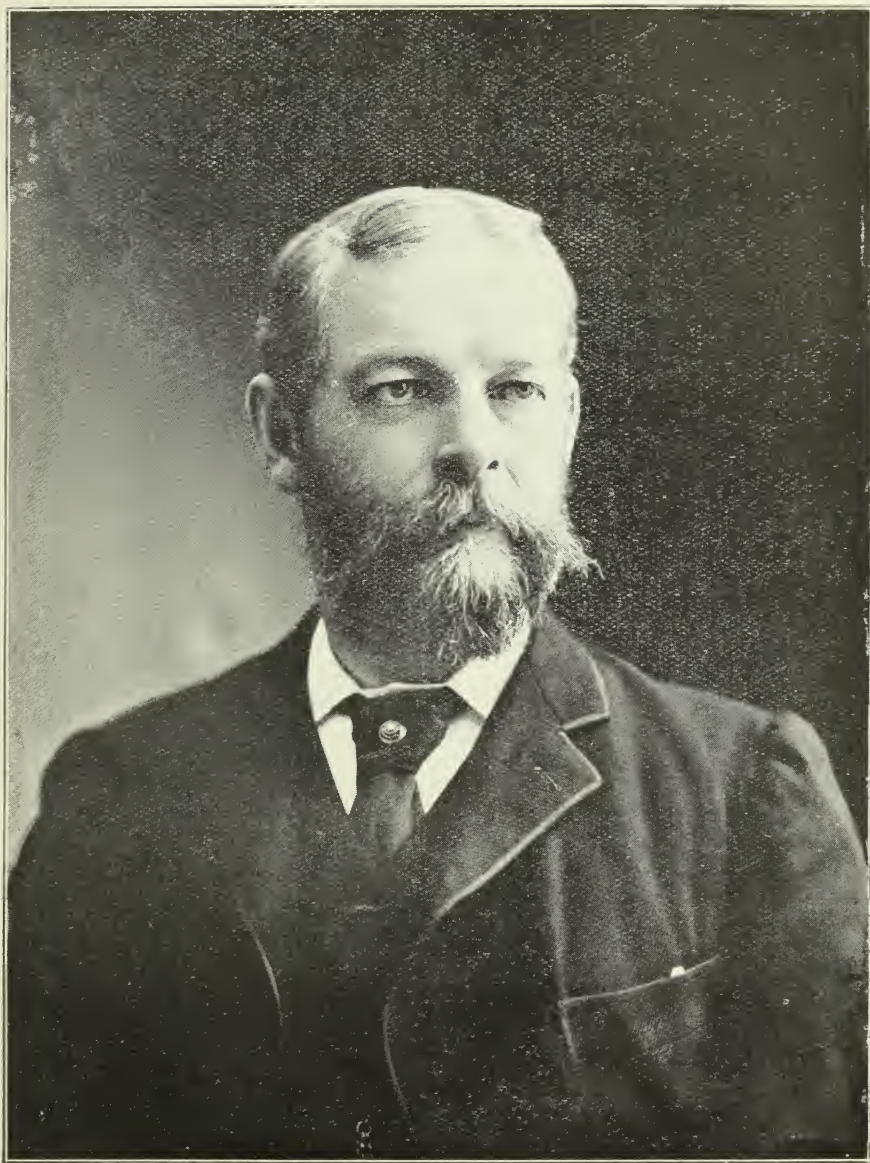
I am of the opinion that the gentlemen and ladies who have responded to our appeal for assistance in the preparation of our history as well as those who have subscribed \$10. and over towards the repairs on these buildings or who do hereafter so subscribe should be made life members.

These people have proved themselves to be our benefactors; and this is the only substantial way in which we can recognize it. I can not close my remarks to-day without alluding specially to the services of our Secretary — perhaps more than anyone I can speak with knowledge of the extent of those services and of their value.

They have been rendered freely and I am certain at some considerable personal sacrifice, the fact is that without him there would have been no Society, it would have ceased to exist long ago. Since the repairs began to be made on these buildings, he has done little else than supervise them — he has been here early and late.

I wish the Society was in a position to mark its appreciation of Mr. Taylor's services in some substantial manner — the time may come when it can be done.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, I bid you a thrice hearty welcome to this the home of the Brome County Historical Society — it is in many senses a historic spot — it is dedicated to a useful work — it will be forever a memorial of the noble man who gave freely of his time and means to the improvement of his fellow citizens. See to it that the work does not lag — become members of the Society yourselves and encourage your friends and neighbors to follow your example — visit it often and interest yourselves in it by doing all that you can to promote its welfare. There is here a vault in which can be stored, with certainty of protection from the ravages of fire, the wealth of the treasures which have come down to you from the past.



Hon. Sydney A. Fisher.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Ernest M. Taylor: That the President's address be engrossed in the book of Minutes of the Society. — Carried.

Rev. Ernest M. Taylor presented the Treasurer's report which showed an encouraging condition of finances.

The Secretary also made a report of his visit to Toronto to meet the representatives of the other Historical Societies of the Dominion and being present at the unveiling of the Monument to Governor Simcoe in the Queen's Park.

The following telegram was received from the Honorable Sydney Fisher.

"Ottawa, Oct. 3rd. 1903.

Regret exceedingly could not be with you to-day for opening of Historical Society's Building.

It is an important work for our people, our history is worth preserving. Shall gladly aid work by subscription when I see you.

SYDNEY FISHER."

It was moved by Mr. H. A. Lawrence and seconded by Daniel Giddings: That the hearty thanks of this Society be tendered to George G. Foster and all others who have so generously subscribed to the fund for repairing the property of the Society. — Carried.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Stevens seconded by Rural Dean Carmichael and unanimously resolved; — That we have learned this day with profound regret of the death of Miss Laura Knowlton daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen and co-Director of the Society, Mr. Thomas A. Knowlton.

That this meeting of citizens recognises and is conscious of the loss this community sustains in the demise of the late Miss Knowlton whose kindness of heart unselfishness of disposition and other virtues will cause her ever to be remembered and revered.

That we desire to express to her father, Mr. Knowlton, the family and mourning friends the frank and true expression of our deep condolence and sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement and that the Secretary convey this resolution to Mr. Knowlton.

N.B.—This was done on the evening after the meeting and specially sent to Mr. Knowlton.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Brown and seconded by Mr.

N. P. Emerson, That the clause in the Society's Constitution respecting officers be repealed and replaced by the following;

Its officers shall consist of two honorary Presidents, a Vice-President, a President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a trustee from each municipality in the county, except the village of Knowlton which shall have four.

That the clause respecting the executive Committee will be composed of the Honorary Presidents, the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

That in the by-laws, as to fees the words "twenty-five cents" be repealed and replaced by the following "One dollar" and that as to Life Members the words "five dollars" be replaced by the following "twenty dollars".

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. David Cousens seconded by Rural Dean Carmichael that the membership fee be fifty cents and life membership ten dollars.

This was put and carried after which the main motion was put and carried as amended by the last action.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Mr. David Cousens: That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Hon. J. C. McCorkill for his kindness in taking charge in the Legislative Council, at the last session, of the Society's bill respecting the "Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial".—Carried.

Moved by Mr. E. A. Dyer, seconded by Rev. W. H. Stevens: That a Committee of ladies, members of the Society in their own right or whose husbands are members, one from each municipality except the village of Knowlton which shall have four, be named, who shall select their own President and Secretary, — which Committee shall assist the Society in its work and report its operations at each annual meeting or oftener if so required by the President of the Society. — Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

His Lordship Judge Lynch was unanimously re-elected President.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Dyer seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor, Mrs. S. W. Foster was elected Vice-President.

Trustees were elected as follows; Brome Township, James C. Pettes of West Brome. Knowlton, Messrs. R. N. England, E. Fleury, E. P. Stevens and Principal Davies. West Bolton,

Mr. Daniel Giddings, P. O. address Knowlton. East Bolton, Mr. Aylmer Place, Millington. Eastman, Mr. Loren Phelps, Eastman. Potton, Mr. D. A. Manson, Mansonville. Sutton, Mr. E. A. Dyer, Sutton. Sutton village, Dr. R. T. Macdonald, Sutton. East Farnham, H. Addison Lawrence, West Shefford.

Moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor; That Mrs. H. S. Foster and Mrs. N. Pettes be honorary Presidents of the Woman's Committee. — Carried.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Stevens and seconded by Mr. E. A. Dyer: That the Vice-President of the Society, Mrs. Judge Foster be requested to call together the Ladies of the County for purposes of organization of a Committee along lines of those of the Society. — Carried.

Thanks were formally presented to the Rev. Ernest M. Taylor for his services and he was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. It was moved by Judge Foster, seconded by Rev. W. H. Stevens: That a Committee consisting of the President and Secretary be appointed to prepare a resolution of condolence to be sent to the family of the late Hon. H. T. Duffy. — Carried.

The following amounts were received.—Membership fees.

Mr. E. B. Stevens.	\$.50
Mr. N. P. Emerson. . . . .	.50
Mr. Daniel and Mrs. D. Giddings.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams.	1.00
Mr. Alfred Simons. . . . .	.50
Mr. W. Brown. . . . .	.50
Rev. W. H. Stevens. . . . .	.50
Mr. E. A. Dyer and Mrs. E. A. Dyer.	1.00
Mr. D. Cousens. . . . .	.50
Miss Iola Shufelt. . . . .	.50
Mr. A. J. Dyer.	5.00
Mrs. R. P. Duboyce. . . . .	.50
Mr. and Mrs. E. Fleury.	1.00
Sale of Books. . . . .	.90

The following payments were made on History Account.

George G. Foster, 2nd payment per Judge Lynch	\$5.00
E. A. Dyer 2nd payment.	5.00
D. Cousens.	2.00

The meeting, on singing God Save the King adjourned.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer

The following is a copy of the resolution which was sent to Miss Irene Duffy the sister of the Honorable H. T. Duffy and which was by her suitably acknowledged.

Moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Rev. W. H. Stevens; That the members of this Society learned, some weeks since, with infinite regret of the sudden death of Hon. H. Thomas Duffy D. C. L., member for the County in the Provincial Legislature. That Hon. Mr. Duffy always took a warm interest in the work and success of this Society and was a generous contributor to its funds.

That this Society desires to express its deep sympathy with the members of the family of our deceased friend and member in the heavy bereavement which has befallen them. That the Secretary be requested to convey a copy of these resolutions to the afflicted family.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Society's Building, the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial, Aug. 26th 1904 at which there were present: The Hon. Judge Lynch presiding, J. P. Noyes, Esq., C. Jones, Esq., Secretary of the Missisquoi Historical Society, Hon. S. A. Fisher, Hon. J. C. McCorkill, H. S. Foster, Esq., R. N. England, Esq., Edgar C. Barnett, Esq., Judge Foster, Mrs. S. W. Foster, H. A. Lawrence, Esq., Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Mrs. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lawrence, Dr. Fisher, Mrs. W. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David Cousens, Mr. Irving Lawrence, Miss Lawrence, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. Moses, Mr. H. S. Greene, Mrs. Z. Martin, Mrs. B. F. Martin and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion of H. A. Lawrence seconded by Judge Foster were confirmed.

Mrs. Judge Foster made a report of the work of the Woman's Committee of the Society showing a good organization and satisfactory progress.

The Hon. Judge Lynch spoke briefly and then called upon the Honorable S. A. Fisher who spoke of the importance of historical work and of the value of Woman's work.

The Honorable J. C. McCorkill was then called upon and said "I am a Missisquoi boy but I cannot forget the honor the County of Brome has put upon me in making me its repre-

sentative in the Provincial Parliament. He suggested having lectures given by local men and that the manuscripts be the property of the Society. Mr. J. P. Noyes, President of the Missisquoi County Historical Society, made a very witty speech which frequently caused laughter. He was followed by Mr. Jones, Secretary of the Missisquoi Historical Society who made a happy speech.

The report of the Woman's Committee on motion of Mrs. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. R. P. Duboyce was received and adopted and the officers continued for another year.

And on motion of the Hon. S. A. Fisher seconded by Mr. H. S. Foster the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

Honorary Presidents: Judge Foster and Lester Ball; President, His Lordship Judge Lynch; Secretary Treasurer, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor; Trustees: Brome, James C. Pettes, West Brome; Knowlton, Messrs. R. N. England, E. Fleury, H. S. Foster, and A. W. Pettes; West Bolton, Mr. Daniel Giddings, Knowlton; East Bolton, Mr. Aylmer Place, Millington; Eastman, Mr. Loren Phelps, Eastman; Potton, Mr. D. A. Manson, Mansonville; Sutton, Mr. E. A. Dyer, Sutton; Sutton Village, Mr. R. T. MacDonald, Sutton; East Farnham, H. Addison Lawrence, West Shefford.

The President suggested that we keep in mind holding a picnic at some time near the Gale Monument.

The Secretary read a letter from Captain Naylor suggesting holding another picnic at Isle Aux Noix this year.

It was deemed inexpedient to try so late in the season to get up an excursion to Isle Aux Noix this year.

On motion of Judge Foster and seconded by Mr. J. P. Noyes the thanks of the Society were conveyed to the President, to the Secretary and to the Woman's Committee for valuable services rendered. The Honorable S. A. Fisher put the motion which was carried with enthusiasm. The meeting then adjourned to visit the Museum. The fees paid appear in the cash book.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary

A meeting of the Society took place in the Court House Oct. 4th, 1904. There were present: Messrs. E. Fleury, Judge Lynch, H. S. Foster, R. N. England, Rev. J. Carmichael and

Ernest M. Taylor. Judge Lynch presided. It was moved by Rev. J. Carmichael and seconded by H. S. Foster and unanimously carried:

That Judge Lynch be authorized to wait upon the village council to request that corporation to make such drain as may be required to carry water away along the road into which to drain water from the ground of the Historical Society.

W. W. LYNCH,

President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,

Secretary.

The meeting of the Brome County Historical Society for annual session took place in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial on the 31st of August 1905.

His Lordship Judge Lynch in the Chair.

Among those present were Judge Foster, Rev. J. Carmichael, Rev. Dr. Rexford, Mr. E. C. Barnett, Elisha May of the Vermont Historical Society, Lester Ball, Messrs. Israel England, R. N. England and John Caverley. Mr. M. H. Bedee, Miss S. Williams, Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. James Moses, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Mrs. N. Pettes, Mr. William J. Smith, Mrs. Rublee, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mrs. Z. Martin, Mrs. George Robb, Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Knowlton and others.

His Lordship Justice Lynch opened the meeting and delivered a fine address, in which he said: Mr. Taylor has spent some time at the Archives at Ottawa, and also visited the State Libraries at Concord and Boston where he found much information concerning the early history of this County, which Mr. Taylor intends, no doubt, to give us as a surprise.

The year has been a very uneventful one. It remains for us to extend as regards its sphere of usefulness.

The Museum is the most important feature in connection with the Society and is destined to be the Museum for the whole district of Bedford.

Many of the precious things of early days are being forgotten, and even actually destroyed, so that they may not fall into the hands of strangers.

If the Museum is to have an interest to the public it must be kept open during a few months in the Summer.

And some arrangement should be made and a small sum raised for the purpose. Mr. Taylor is still at work on the history. There has been some complaint as to the delay. It

is not easy work. And owing to Mr. Taylor's many duties it has not come out as it would if he had all his time to spend on it.

As to the grounds. They must be thoroughly drained before we begin any other work upon them. We must make this as attractive as possible with the least expense. Mr. Taylor will report as to the finances of the Society. We do not get the assistance which we are entitled to. Every one in the County should belong to the Society, and the fees would enable us to go on and increase its sphere of usefulness.

After the Minutes were read and considered they were confirmed on motion of Judge Foster seconded by Mr. Lester Ball. The Secretary Treasurer read the following report:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: — The Brome County Historical Society has had during the past year, an almost uneventful career. The funds of the Society now in hand are \$17.17. During the year, the balance due from Mrs. Dr. Sterry Hunt was received and paid over to Mr. C. Rhicard to reduce the note of \$130 which was reported as outstanding against the Society, at its last Annual Meeting.

The appeal last year, in a general way to the Public for funds to this end, did not result in so much as the postage expended on the same. However, from fees received, the interest has been paid, and the principal sum reduced by the amount received from Mrs. Hunt, so that the debt against the Society at the present time is \$110.00 plus the interest since Dec. 17th 1904. Thus the entire liabilities of the Society are now about \$115.00.

At the present time we have 40 life members. From the ordinary members we hope to receive the fees to the amount of \$20.00. Under the auspices of the Woman's Committee, last winter, Lieut. Brown gave a lecture, the proceeds of which less expense were \$6.48. The lecture was well attended and listened to with great interest. He was a returned soldier from the South African War, and had spent some time in South Africa as a Superintendent of Mines.

He lectured upon the native tribes of South Africa, gave a contribution to the Museum, and there are prospects of receiving more later on.

The President of the Women's Committee has become a life member of the Society. In relation to the Brome History, extensive searches have been made in the Archives of Ottawa, in the State Library of Concord, N. H. and in the Boston and

Harvard libraries, and much valuable information obtained.

A large number of the old people of the County have been interviewed, and careful notes taken.

The subscriptions raised at the solicitation of Judge Lynch have been paid, with one or two exceptions, and even these have made the first and second payment)

The Brome County Council has made its second payment, and there stands to the credit of the Brome History at the present time \$337.00. The accounts of the Society and the Brome History Committee have been audited by Mr. R. N. England and found correct.

A much larger number of contributions to the Museum have been made during this year than in any previous year of the history of the Society.

There are no outstanding accounts against the Society except the note to which reference has been made. During the year, book cupboards have been made as well as trestle tables for the use of the Society.

So widely is the Museum now known that I am frequently called in while passing houses, and precious relics placed in my hands for their safe keeping by the Society. A firm confidence in the security of their heir-looms has grown up in the minds of the people, and the real interest of the public cannot be gauged by the small number, comparatively, who attend the annual meeting. There is ground for large hope in the future of the Society, and this is based in no small degree upon the activities of the Woman's Committee of whom Mrs. S. W. Foster is the valued President.

A considerable amount of matter has been placed in form for the history of the County, which it is hoped will be in the press if not in hand, before the next Annual Meeting. Among the additions to the Society through Women's Committee is a stove which stands in the Picture Gallery, or general audience room of the Society.

Among the valued pictures now placed in the Gallery, is that of Dr. Foster, the renowned surgeon of early days, whose sons have had so much to do with the upbuilding of the public works, and the substantial progress of business interests in the County. Also the oil painting of the late Col. A. B. Foster, presented to the Society by his widow, and the oil painting of the Mother of Judge Dunkin, who lived and died in the County, first as its representative in Parliament and afterwards as Judge in the District.

There is also an oil painting of his step-father, the late Dr. Barber, a celebrated Elocutionist.

I may be permitted to report that the Hon. S. A. Fisher gave me the fullest access to the archives at Ottawa, and placed the time and skill of one of his Secretaries at my disposal, when searching for early records of the County.

Through the influence of Bishop Niles of New Hampshire who has spent his summer vacation in the County for 34 years, I received every possible courtesy from the State Librarian of Concord and his Assistants.

Through the introduction of Dr. Colby, I received similar aid from the Librarian at Harvard. In the researches thus far conducted some surprises have occurred.

Among them this, that some persons who were supposed to have been stalwart Royalists were found enrolled among the Revolutionists of 1776, while many persons of unswerving loyalty have been found on the part of the ancestors of some of our early families. These things will be unfolded in the new history now in course of preparation.

From this time forward, a regular call will be made upon the members of the Society for their annual fees.

May we not hope from this time forward, that a greater interest may be manifested in the affairs of this Society.

An endowment fund should be raised.

It is desirable that in future the Museum should be open, in the care of some trusty person, every week day, at least through the months of July and August.

Mrs. G. H. Robb gave the report of the Woman's Committee. Judge Foster spoke urging the immediate improvement on the grounds of the Society.

Rev. Dr. Rexford spoke encouragingly of the work of the Society. He expressed regret at the loss, by fire, many years ago of the historic gatherings of a Mr. Harrington, who taught penmanship in Potton and Bolton over 40 years ago.

Mr. Elisha May of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was called upon and spoke as follows: — Men and Women of this good County of Brome. The newspapers have told us that through the influence of the President, the King and the Emperor of Germany, peace has been made between the two great nations which have lately been at war, and I think that we, at this time should be thankful.

I thank God that my ancestors were of English origin.

You see along the line, posts, which mark the boundary between our Countries. But there is really no division between us. We have liberty to do as we wish under the English laws. I belong to the Historical Society of Vermont, which takes in the whole State. Instead of this being only a County organization, it should take in the whole District.

In our Museum we have an original printing press, old knives, tomahawks, old manuscripts, old books and innumerable other things.

You should keep it open through the summer months, and visitors will come in hundreds, and carry away better ideas of their Country and its early settlers.

This is not merely a Historical Society but a patriotic Society. The officers of last year were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. Ernest M. Taylor and seconded by Judge Foster Mr. M. H. Bedee was unanimously elected Auditor for the ensuing year. On motion of Judge Foster, seconded by Mr. Lester Ball the President and Secretary were thanked for their services. They each made suitable acknowledgement and the meeting adjourned.

W. W. LYNCH,
President.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer.

The Woman's Committee met at the close of the annual meeting. And the Executive of the Society also met and adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 1st.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer.

The adjourned meeting of the Executive took place on the grounds of the Society Sept. 1st, 1905.

There were present: Judges Lynch and Foster, R. N. England, Rev. J. Carmichael, J. E. Fay, Mr. E. Fleury and Ernest M. Taylor.

The ground was viewed and drainage carefully considered and Judge Lynch was appointed to trim certain trees and to meet with the Council on Tuesday next Sept. 5th to see what can be done, at once as to the drainage, etc.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer.



Mrs. S. W. Foster,
President Woman's Committee.

On the 30th of August 1906 the Society met for its annual meeting in answer to notices having been widely circulated. His Lordship Justice Lynch occupied the Chair and the meeting was opened with singing the well known hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" Miss Annie Robertson of Hemmingford in charge of the organ. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Rexford.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed on motion of Dr. Rexford and seconded by Mr. Lester Ball.

The Secretary read letters of regret from the Hon. S. A. Fisher stating inability to attend as also from Mr. D. A. Manson and W. Brown. There were present at this meeting: Judge S. W. Foster, Judge Lynch, Mr. Lester Ball, now ninety one years of age. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnett, Mrs. E. J. Hemming, Mrs. Ernest M. Taylor, Miss Hemming, Miss Ployert, Doctor MacGowan, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. England, Mrs. J. C. Pettes, Mrs. N. Pettes, Mr. Truell, Rev. James Carmichael, Jun., Miss Eliza Brill, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Rev. Wm. Smith, Master Wells Martin, Mrs. John Hall and others.

The Secretary Treasurer then read the following report:

To the President and members of the Brome County Historical Society: — In making my annual report I wish to express my gratification at the helpful action of the Woman's Committee.

They have contributed to the funds of the Society no less than seventy two dollars.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has made an arrangement which I trust will always prove mutually helpful, as it has thus far. The books of the Society have been audited by our painstaking Auditor Mr. M. H. Bedee and found correct.

There appears to the credit of the Society as a balance in hand of only \$2.25. But the note against the Society known as "the Rhicard note" has now been reduced. Nearly one half of the note having been paid during the year, and that through the work of the Woman's Committee.

The drains so much needed have been put in through the generosity of the Hon. S. A. Fisher and our President Honorable Justice Lynch.

These drains not only take the water from the roof of the building but also running in different lines, nicely drain the land. Other plans for improving the grounds are in the mind

of our President and such offers have been made that there is a prospect of having these grounds made beautiful.

Considerable additions have been made to the library museum during the year.

Miss Helen E. Taylor who has acted as midsummer curator of the Museum has made a fresh catalogue both of the relics and of the books.

I exceedingly regret that I have not been able to make the progress on the history which I fondly hoped to have made ere this date.

This was in consequence of other work which claimed my attention as never before.

I now hope to be able to give a much larger amount of time to this matter.

The fund for the preparation of the history as per bank book is now \$390.78.

I hope ere long to prepare another volume of transactions which volume is to contain the portrait of every person who * has represented the County in Parliament since it was constituted a County in its present form.

I have secured the photograph of J. M. Ferres, the first member, and hope to obtain the others.

As our Society begins its tenth year I wish to make a statement in order to correct an erroneous impression which has had circulation.

It is this, that while as historian of the County I have been paid something out of the special funds of the History Committee for the work on the History, as Secretary Treasurer of the Society during the nine years now finished, for any services in behalf of the Society, I have never received one cent of remuneration.

And should the Society choose to continue my services for another year I am ambitious to complete the tenth year at the same salary, as it has been from the first a labor of love. I notice that the sister Society of Missisquoi has paid its Secretary for his first year of service as Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars.

But as fast as we have been able to collect money we have

* *Note.*—As in the meantime the Brome History has appeared with the portrait of every member of Parliament it is not necessary to insert them here.

either laid it out on needed improvements in our building or paying the debt incurred on the building in the past. But our Society needs an endowment fund the income of which should be expended on running expenses and some pay to the future Secretary. I intend to ask you at the completion of my ten years of service to appoint some one else as Secretary with some annual allowance for his service as such.

Through the generosity of four members of our Society the Museum has been kept open every week day throughout the months of July and August this year from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

I trust that at the completion of our ten years of history we may be able to report a Society out of debt and many improvements in the grounds. As the membership fees make up our only settled source of income it is very desirable that every member should strive to increase the number of members.

We have lost three life members by death since last report namely, Doctor Hemming, Mrs. H. S. Foster and Mr. Jewett A. Buck. We have 3 honorary life members and 33 ordinary life members. And 63 ordinary members. This makes our number at the present time only 99.

We should have a thousand members who pay annual fees.

The sister Society of Missisquoi with a younger history report more members. Let each member become a recruiting agent and our membership will speedily increase.

As our Society originated on the 18th of August 1897 I suggest that the next annual meeting be held on the 16th and 17th of August 1907 which time the Society will complete its 10th year which would be a suitable time to hold a special celebration which I hope may take successful form and require two full days. And on my part I will endeavor to have the history in hand for sale at that time.

I am glad to be able to report that arrangements have been made to have the Museum open every Saturday till next July at the hours of 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

And there is some reason to hope that the same gentlemen who have paid for keeping the Museum open during the months of July and August this year may pay for the same service next year. There has been no day through these months without visitors. Not all have registered but we have autographs and addresses in our visitors book for these two months of 298.

Among them have been some of the most distinguished

Canadians of whom Archbishop Bruchesi and Chief Justice Tait may be mentioned.

Mrs. S. W. Foster President of the Woman's Committee made a report of that Committee in which she stated that two meetings had been held during the year but considerable additional work had been accomplished by correspondence.

She stated that Eastman had through Mrs. Phelps contributed \$15.00.

Sutton village through Mesdames E. A. and A. J. Dyer \$3.50.

Mansonville through Mrs. D. A. Manson, \$5.00.

West Bolton through Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, \$4.00.

And Knowlton through Mrs. Geo. H. Robb, \$44.50.

Making a total of seventy-two dollars which had been paid over to the Secretary Treasurer of the Society.

The President in his annual address referred to the small general interest evinced by the small number of paying members but stated that we were not solitary in this respect.

Other Societies suffered from the same apathy in other places. He referred to the fact that the Museum has been kept open throughout the summer.

And asked who are the visitors and replying said not the citizens but the strangers who visit our village. He quoted the statement of Archbishop Bruchesi who expressed himself amazed at the size and progress of the Museum in so small a place as Knowlton. He spoke of the further improvements to be made on the grounds. And stated that he had assumed the responsibility of permitting the Bowling Club to fit up a green on the grounds and said he would be glad to see a Tennis Club occupy another portion of the ground. He referred to the original name of our Lake as being "Yamaska" and spoke of the desire to return to the name. He expressed pleasure that the history is to be completed within a year.

He stated that it was not common justice that the Secretary had now done nine years of work without remuneration. We should seriously consider continuing his services with remuneration. He pleasantly referred to the union of the Woman's Committee and their good work.

And spoke of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and its presents to the Society and asked that some action be taken thereupon.

It was then moved by Mr. Lester Ball and seconded by Mr. R. N. England and unanimously resolved: —

That the President and Secretary having reported that since the last annual meeting of the Society:

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Knowlton has kindly donated to the Society certain articles of furniture, consisting of cupboards, dishes, lamps, chairs, tables, stove and organ, and that in consideration of such gifts, and with the view to meet the wishes of the ladies of the Union, they have placed the free use of the hall of the Society's building at the disposition of the Union for the purposes of its meetings;—that the Society desires to thank the Union for its generous gift, and hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the President and Secretary regarding the use of the hall by the Union.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Rexford and seconded by Judge Foster; — That the Secretary be requested to write letters of condolence to the families of the deceased life members, namely Judge Hemming, Mrs. H. S. Foster and Mr. Jewett A. Buck. — Carried.

On motion of Mrs. S. W. Foster and seconded by Mrs. N. Pettes the officers of last year were all re-elected.

And the following names proposed by the Woman's Committee as members and officers of the same for the next year were on motion of Rev. Dr. Rexford seconded by Mr. Lester Ball unanimously approved of: — Mrs. S. W. Foster, President; Mrs. N. Pettes, Honorary President; Mrs. G. H. Robb, Secretary; Knowlton members, Mrs. R. N. England, Mrs. E. M. Taylor and Mrs. James Moses; Brome, Mrs. E. Chapman; East Farnham, Mrs. J. J. Brimmer; West Bolton, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce; East Bolton, Mrs. Aylmer Place; South Bolton Mrs. Darius Adams; Potton, Mansonville Mrs. D. A. Manson and Mrs. McKay; Sutton Village and surroundings, Mrs. A. J. Dyer; Sutton Junction and surroundings, Mrs. A. Westover; Eastman, Mrs. Loren D. Phelps; Mr. M. H. Bedee, Auditor.

Judge Lynch called the attention of the meeting to the low membership fee and stated that the fee in Missisquoi County is one dollar. It was moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster and seconded by Rev. Ernest M. Taylor that the membership fee be changed from fifty cents to one dollar.

In the discussion of this motion Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Mr. E. C. Barnett, Mr. Truell, Doctor MacGowan, Rev. Wm. Smith and the mover and seconder took part.

The motion was then put and unanimously carried.

The meeting was then closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again" and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Wm. Smith.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer.

In consequence of the death of Thomas A. Knowlton a special meeting of the Society was called and held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building, Knowlton, on the 3rd of November 1906. The President, Judge Lynch presiding.

The Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael moved, seconded by Judge Foster and unanimously resolved: —

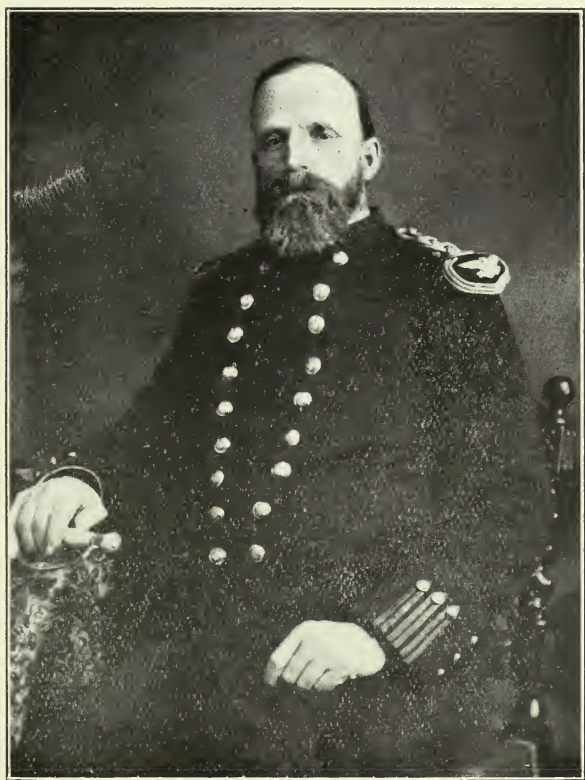
That in accordance with the terms of the act whereby the Society acquired the property at present held, Thomas Knowlton Foster whose mother was niece and adopted daughter of the Late Honorable Paul Holland Knowlton, be named Director of the Society in place of the Late Thomas A. Knowlton named in the said act.

A letter from the Late T. A. Knowlton referring to the portrait of the Late Col. P. H. Knowlton and containing an order for the same was read by Judge Lynch.

It was moved by Judge Foster and seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael: — That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our late esteemed director and friend, Thomas Anson Knowlton. And whereas the Society has great reason to be deeply grateful to the late Mr. Knowlton for his active participation in the steps which led to the passage of the Act of the Legislature, under which this Society holds its present property, and whereas the late Mr. Knowlton was always a devoted friend and benefactor of this Society, manifesting in various ways his interest in its success and prosperity. — It be resolved: —

That this Society desires to place on record its appreciation of the many obligations and services rendered it by him, That the heart felt sympathy of the Society be extended to the deceased's family in the great bereavement which has fallen upon them. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Paul Holland Knowlton, his eldest son, with the request that he communicate the same to his brothers. — Carried unanimously.

HELEN E. TAYLOR,
Protem Secretary.



Col. O. P. Patten.

Note: This letter of condolence containing the resolutions was sent Nov. 5th, 1906.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

The tenth annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, August 27th. 1907. Rev. Mr. Lewis, Cowansville opened meeting with prayer.

Among those present were ; — Judge Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mrs. N. Pettes, Mr. L. Ball of New York, Mr. Truell and Mr. H. S. Williams of Montreal, Mrs. Duboyce, Mrs. Geo. Robb, Sr., Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Knowlton, Mr. J. P. Noyes of Cowansville, Rev. Mr. Carmichael, Mr. T. Wheeler, Sr., Mr. R. N. England, Dr. Rexford, Montreal, Rev. Mr. Galley, Mrs. J. C. Pettes, Mr. and Mrs. Vilas and Mr. McCrum of Cowansville, and others.

The minutes of last meeting were read and a motion was made by Mr. S. W. Foster and seconded by Mr. Lester Ball that they be adopted after which Judge Lynch addressed the meeting.

He regretted that the members present were so few. He recalled that ten years ago the first meeting was called not with intention of starting a Historical Society but to ascertain the site of the first building in the County.

He was sorry that the History was not yet completed but excused the Secretary and Historian upon plea of excessive duties, but that, as the History contained so much it had been thought better to put it in two volumes i. e., statistical and biographical and that one of these volumes would surely be ready by next August. He spoke of the improvement of the Historical grounds within the last year and although he regrets much that a Government building was to be placed upon the corner of the lot that was the property of the County, still, in view of the importance of the building and public feelings they must cede their right as the Society held only a lease.

The idea of the reunion of old teachers and scholars who had been in attendance in this building was one he quite rejoiced in and would do all in his power to help along the work. Although he had never attended a school here he had taught for a short time. He mentioned such old teachers as Prof. Marsh, Judge Archibald, Mr. Hepburn, Rev. L. M. England,

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. Moore. From this reunion he hoped to create a fund to pay expenses. The last of July or first of August of next year was spoken of as a suitable time and a Committee of teachers and scholars should be appointed to look after this.

Rev. E. M. Taylor as Secretary read the following report —

“Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: — It is with mingled feelings of thankfulness and sadness that I present my report at the close of the first decade of the Brome County Historical Society.

Thankfulness for what has been accomplished and sadness for that so much has been left thus far undone, which I had fondly hoped to have seen completed ere this date.

Ten years ago on the 18th August we met in a grove near the site of the first house erected in Brome and there held a successful picnic at which steps were taken to form a Historical Society for the County with the cooperation of the other Townships, this soon became an organized and later an incorporated body.

Centennials were held for each Township, as the time arrived till all the parts of the County had been in this way recognized.

Historic monuments were erected in Brome and Bolton and \$129. expended on the monument of Judge Gale in East Farnham. This was again paid to the Society by his granddaughter Mrs. Sterry Hunt. Then came a turn in affairs which placed the present property in the possession of the Society and funds were raised for its restoration and improvement. Again and again have friends come to our relief and now we are in debt \$60. and have the fine property on which you meet to-day. However, repairs are again needed and must be undertaken ere long.

During the last year \$142 has been spent on the grounds of which our President generously contributed \$72 besides paying \$25 at a later time for pine trees and spending an unreported amount upon other evergreen which now graces our one hillside.

We have a generous friend in Mr. George G. Foster whose liberality does credit to his large minded generous hearted parents one of whom is one of our Honorary Presidents and the other the President of our Woman's Committee.

One of the old boys of this old Academy not only gave



Portrait of J. L. Tolson

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- NAMES READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
 MISS J. L. TOLSON 80
 MRS FULLER 76
 MRS STONE 79
 MR FOUNIER 80
 MRS MILLS 91
 DR McLEWIS 76
 MRS HONEYMAN 79
 MR JEFFERIS 69
 MRS JOYCE
 MRS ED BULLARD 87
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 MRS J. HARDY
 MR C. MARTIN 75
 MRS MARSHALL 61
 MR MORGAN 70
 MRS H. P. TITUS 87
 MR RICHARDSON
 MRS FOUNIER 74
 MR CURTISS 72
 MRS WILSON 72
 MR LAPORTE 76
 MRS SYMONS 65
 MR J. J. JONES 79
 MRS GILLINGS 72
 MR G. HOBBS
 MR DRYBURG 73
 MRS WHEELER
 MRS MARCHESEAU 61
 MR J. HARDY 72
 MR TURDENT 71
 MR LINDLAND 86
 JUDGE FOSTER 82
 MRS LAMAR 82
 DR PRIME 73
 MRS FOSTER 73
 TOTAL OF YEARS 3064.

\$50 towards the first improvements on this building and \$25 on the fitting up of the grounds since the last meeting but has sent to me the following letter: —

Chicago, Oct. 16th, 1906

Mr. E. M. Taylor,
Knowlton, Que.

“Dear Mr. Taylor: —

Confirming the proposition I made to you while in Knowlton, in regard to further assisting in the matter of improving the grounds in connection with the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial, I agree to contribute to your association at least \$25 a year, commencing the first of next year, the amount of which is to be expended in flowers and plants to be set out as we talked.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

Z. E. MARTIN.”

Of the \$137.80 raised during the year for various purposes, in addition to the gifts of our President, the Woman's Committee has raised \$19.85. (I am requested to make this report on behalf of the Woman's Committee and to state that this Committee contemplate doing much more in the next year.)

For two years the Museum has been open during July and August at the expense of four of our friends.

One of whom has paid for the keeping the Museum open on Saturdays throughout the year with exception of the months of Feb'y and March. No one can regret as much as I do that the History is not yet in the printer's hands. But the demands made upon my available time by the Knowlton Conference have been so imperative that there still remains some work to do before I can place the History in the hands of the Publisher. However, it will not now take long to finish the first volume as the matter has so grown that it seems advisable to publish it in two volumes. The second volume to contain a considerable amount of genealogical matter. The lack of interest in personal history on the part of the majority of people is wonderful. Some months ago I sent an appeal to the representatives of the old families for copies of their family records and only two persons have as yet responded, i. e., Mr. J. P. Noyes and Mr. Percy C. Duboyce. I have to acknowledge a large indebtedness to Mr. Edgar C. Barnett and Mr. David A. Manson for contributions to the materials for the History.

Mr. Barnett has spent several days with me in driving and interviewing old people in different parts of Pottowattamie which has resulted in the gathering of much information. I am pleased to announce that Mr. H. A. Honeyman, B.A., has contributed a chapter on the native vegetable products of this county and Prof. J. A. Dresser, Field geologist has contributed an important chapter on the geology of Brome County. The latter chapter was prepared in collaboration with Mr. Honeyman.

I have carefully gone over a large amount of early documents to which I have had access. It has often taken a large amount of labor to disprove a misstatement or to establish an important fact of local history.

Hours of research have been expended when the result of the search will be expressed in a single sentence.

As Secretary Treasurer of this Society I now complete ten years of service which has been enjoyable on the principle of Jacob's joy in service, that is, the love I have for the preservation of things which pertained to our ancestors. But now having served thus far I respectfully resign and ask you to appoint some one in my place.

The books of the Society have been audited by Mr. Bedee and found correct. The balance at time of Audit was \$20.16 in addition to this, several dollars have been added in the shape of fees to-day. The History Committee Fund as per Auditor's report is now \$352.20.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

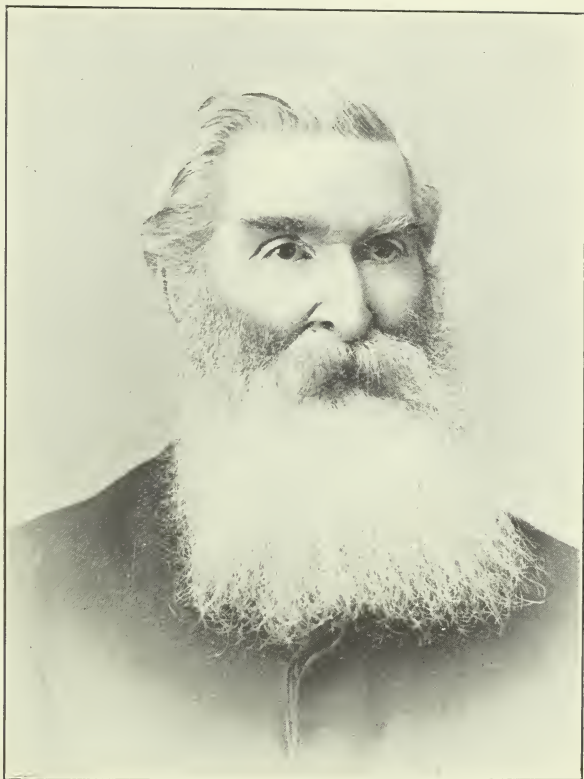
ERNEST M. TAYLOR.

The Curator, Miss Helen E. Taylor, then read her report:

"The Museum had been open every Saturday from Sept. 1, 1906, until Jan'y 15, 1907, when owing to the severe weather it was closed until April 1st from which date to July 1st it was open every Saturday and 146 visitors registered.

Since July 1st until the present date (Aug. 27) the Museum has been open every week day and 262 visitors names are enrolled."

Judge Foster in his address said that if the present President and Secretary were allowed to resign, the Society would see its end. He regretted the negligence of the people of Brome and he moved that these officers be re-elected. Mr. J. P. Noyes seconded the motion and went on to say that as Judge Lynch and Mr. Taylor had urged re-election in the Sister



Levi A. Perkins.

Society of Missisquoi he thought it advisable here, at least until the completion of the history.

The motion carried and the President and Secretary were re-elected and finally accepted with the understanding that it would be the last year they would act.

The Woman's Committee reported that they expect to give a few entertainments at an early date.

A paper on the Indians, by Mr. Barnet, and lectures by Rev. Dr. Rexford and Mr. J. P. Noyes were in view.

Tickets would be sold and they hoped for a financial success.

Mrs. G. H. Robb, Sr., was appointed to fill the position on the Woman's Committee of Mrs. James Moses, who recently moved away. And Miss Helen E. Taylor was nominated as successor to Mrs. G. Robb, Jr., as Secretary of the Woman's Committee which position she resigned.

The motion was put by Mrs. S. W. Foster and seconded by Mrs. N. Pettes. — Carried.

Dr. Rexford said that he had not found the people indifferent but thought that there should be more meetings than the Annual one. He approved of the Reunion or Home Week and would assist. He said that the Society had an effect upon the people in that they were more careful of their old things and were more interested in looking up their ancestors... Mr. Vilas, M.L.A., congratulated the Society on the work accomplished in the past ten years. Mr. Lewis said that the Society although few in attendance was looked upon as a model so that it exerted quite an influence, that the progress was remarkable and very creditable.

That such a Society stands for love of home, of parentage, county and locality.

Mr. H. S. Williams spoke most encouragingly saying that few members and small attendance at meetings did not now mean success of the Society. He was anxious to have the Re-union.

He proposed appointing a man from each sixth year, who had been a pupil in the old Academy, as a member of the Committee to arrange for the gathering and thought that notices or reminders should be sent out from time to time during the year. Judge Foster subscribed \$50 towards the movement and expressed a sincere wish that the project be carried out. The Rev. Dr. Rexford extended a formal vote of thanks to the President and Secretary for accepting the

offices for another year and for the efficient work done in the past ten years.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary Treasurer.

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building on the 22nd of August 1908. His Lordship Mr. Justice Lynch presiding. There were present: Judge and Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. David Cousens, Mrs. H. Mizener, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Israel England, Mr. F. A. Knowlton, Mr. E. R. Smith, Editor The News St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus England, Sir Melbourne Tait, George G. Foster Esq. Mr. T. K. Foster, Henry C. Knowlton, Esq. Lester Ball the Nestor of the Society aged 93 and who has never missed a meeting though for years his residence has been in New York City. Col. O. P. Patten, Mrs. Nathaniel Pettes, Rural Dean Carmichael, Mr. H. V. Truell, Mrs. S. J. Carter, and Miss Carter, Mr. M. H. Bedee, N. P. Emerson, Mayor E. Fleury and others. His Lordship Mr. Justice Lynch opened the meeting with an address reviewing the rise and progress of the Society during its eleven years of history beginning in a grove and now in a very substantial building. He referred to the loss sustained in the removal of Miss Helen E. Taylor the Curator of the Museum and paid a high tribute to her skill and care in arranging the relics in the Museum. He spoke of the fact that this is the semi-centennial of the County as such having had its first corporate existence as a distinct political division in 1858. He paid a high tribute to the work of the Secretary-Treasurer. He spoke of the New Post Office Building now in course of construction and said what can be done to maintain in the future our very valuable property?

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. Ernest M. Taylor moved seconded by Judge Foster that this Society join the Dominion Society and that the Secretary be requested to forward the membership fee of one dollar to the Secretary of the Dominion Society. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. N. P. Emerson, seconded by Mr. David Cousens, Mayor of West Bolton and unanimously carried that we extend our warmest sympathy to the family of the late Cyrus Thomas our first Eastern Township's historian. And the Secretary is requested to convey this to the family of the deceased.



W. F. Vilas, M.L.A.

Judge Lynch pleaded to be released from the Presidency of the Society but in opposition to this plea Judge Foster made an eloquent address urging that both Judge Lynch and the Secretary-Treasurer retain their offices another year.

He was followed by Mr. E. R. Smith who urged that no change be made for this year at least as the Tercentenary of Champlain coming to the Lake which bears his name is to be held this coming year. George G. Foster, K.C., said if the present gentlemen would retain office for another year he would see that the debt be wiped out and the Society on a strong financial basis. Whereupon Judge Lynch consented provided Mr. Taylor would also. To this Mr. Taylor consented when it was moved by Mr. Lester Ball and seconded by Judge Foster and unanimously carried that the officers be re-elected.

Mr. G. G. Foster seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor that an Old Boy's reunion be fixed for the 3rd Saturday of next July. And that the following be appointed as officers of this organization within the Brome County Historical Society.

President: G. G. Foster.

Vice-President: Z. E. Martin.

Secretaries: T. K. Foster and H. S. Williams.

Treasurer: R. N. England.

Organization Committee: Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, Arthur MacLaughlin, George G. Foster, T. K. Foster, Fred. A. Knowlton, Rev. R. D. Mills, C. A. Jackson.

Reception Committee: Hon. S. A. Fisher, S. W. Foster, H. S. Foster, H. E. Williams, Mrs. N. Pettes, Mr. H. V. Truell, Israel England, Dr. Harris, Mr. Temple, Rev. E. M. Taylor and Rural Dean Carmichael. — Carried.

On suggestion of Judge Lynch, Judge Foster moved seconded by F. A. Knowlton and carried that the following be made Honorary Life Members of the Society: Dr. A. Doughty, Sir James Lemoine, Dr. H. J. Morgan, and John Reade.

Mrs. Rufus England was unanimously elected Secretary of the Woman's Committee in place of Miss Helen E. Taylor removed to Montreal.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

In addition to the above, the report of the retiring Curator Miss Helen E. Taylor was presented as follows: —

The Museum has been open to visitors every Saturday since the first of September last excepting through the months of February and March. And every day, Sunday excepted since July 1st.

Many relics have been added during the last 12 months. All have been catalogued and placed in the Museum.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. G. H. Robb there is a large show case to hold many of the smaller relics hitherto almost lost to notice owing to lack of space.

As the number of relics increases the task of cataloguing becomes a problem. Would it not simplify matters if a card index could be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

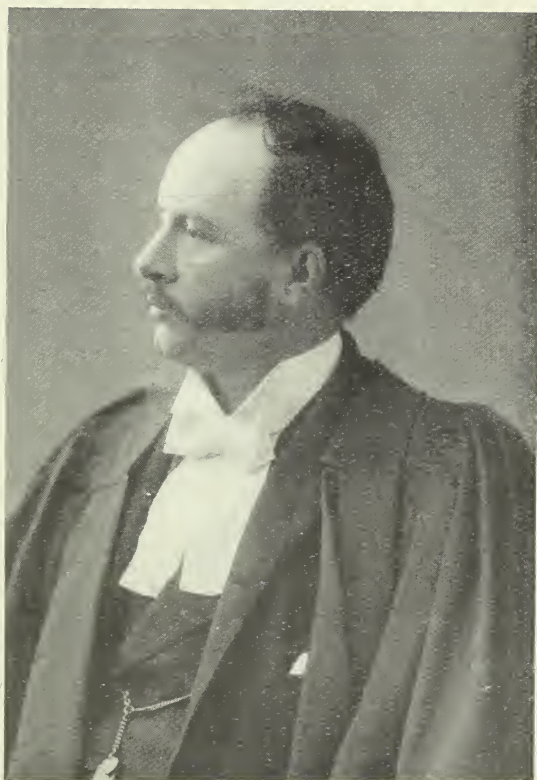
HELEN E. TAYLOR,
Past-Curator.

It was announced by the Secretary that A. Reginald Taylor will continue the work as Curator for the ensuing year.

KNOWLTON ACADEMY, OLD BOYS REUNION.

The reunion of the Old Boys of Knowlton Academy, so well planned and so long looked forward to with anticipations of the utmost delight, has come and gone. Unfortunately the weather, which is no respecter of events any more than it is of persons, was not altogether propitious, and in consequence of a steady, determined and persistent downpour of rain all day Saturday the chief attraction on which so much depended — the picnic in Foster Park — had to be abandoned. This was of course a disappointment. It kept hundreds at home who otherwise would have assisted in the celebration, and it prevented the carrying out of the programme in some of its most essential details. Nevertheless the rain was an unmistakable blessing in other respects as it came at a moment when the parched land was athirst and crying for water, and all the "Old Boys" and their troops of friends cheerfully admitted that it did infinitely more good to mankind than they could hope to accomplish by the reunion picnic.

The initial purpose of the organization, however, was accomplished. It brought together scores of the former pupils and teachers — both male and female — of the old Knowlton Academy. In addition to informal conferences and social greetings and the enjoyment by visitors of that hospitality for



Geo. G. Foster, K.C.
President of Knowlton Academy Reunion 1909.

which Knowlton has a world-wide reputation, two formal public gatherings were held. One was an entertainment in the Pettes Memorial Hall on Friday evening and the other a public meeting in the Lake View Hall on Saturday afternoon. On both occasions the halls were crowded to their limit with enthusiastic and representative audiences and on both evening and afternoon a notable success was achieved.

Oratory and Music

Oratory and music were the predominant features of the first public gathering. Judge Lynch presided. Judge Lynch, as we fancy most of our readers are aware, makes an ideal chairman. He is graciousness itself and he has tact — so essential to one presiding at any public function — coupled with thoughtful discretion. Then the Knowlton Orchestra, so favorably and widely known in musical circles — was pleasantly in evidence. On the well elevated platform of this model hall of fair proportions, sitting near the chairman, were the heroes, or in other words, the speakers of the evening. These were General Kneeland, a New York lawyer of distinction; Hon. Judge Archibald, of Montreal; Rev. Rural Dean Hepburn, of Richmond; Mr. C. A. Jackson, latterly of Richmond Academy; and Mr. L. Moore, of Danville, all of whom save the first named “taught the young idea how to shoot” within the walls of the old Knowlton Academy.

THE FIRST SPEAKER.

Gen. Kneeland spoke first. He struck a light airy vein. He was not hampered with any notes or set phrases or pre-arranged ideas. He was poetically and facetiously reminiscent, and the atmosphere he breathed seemed to recall vividly to his mind incidents of his early days in and around Knowlton. He commenced life as a printer’s devil, so he told us, in a primitive local newspaper office conducted by the late Mr. Huntingdon, which was subsequently removed to Waterloo. He paid a warm tribute to the memory of the stalwart men of ye olden time by whom he was surrounded in those primitive days, and in conclusion he poured out his heart in a short classical poem composed by himself specially for the occasion. Gen. Kneeland was heartily cheered on resuming his seat. He was followed by Miss Greta Symonds, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Symonds, of Montreal, in a song so effectively rendered —

we might in fact say so artistically rendered — that it was impossible for the sweet songstress to refuse to respond to an encore most persistently called for.

Judge Archibald in evidence.

A capital solo from Mr. R. G. M. Webbe, the local representative of the Molson's bank, which elicited a hearty encore, preceded an exceedingly appropriate address from Judge Archibald, of Montreal, a teacher in the old Knowlton Academy some two-score years ago or more. His Lordship has a manner of raising his cultured voice in public that appeals to the heart as well as to the mind of his auditors. He charms by his simple, unaffected manner as well as by his eloquent periods. After briefly recounting some of his early experiences in Knowlton he paid tribute to the remarkable progress of the village during the preceding two generations. It could never, he declared, be recognized as the same village, though he had learned to love it in the old days when it was a straggling hamlet. Though man had done a great deal to beautify it, its beauty was first of all given by nature. He spoke of the good roads from Foster to Knowlton, connecting with the movement the name of Judge Lynch and also of the improvements in agriculture, concerning which the names of Mr. Sewell Foster, of Knowlton, and Prof. Robertson, of Macdonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, were associated. He rejoiced at being able to meet again many old familiar and friendly faces. He particularly mentioned the honored name of Pettes, and the appreciation which the people must feel towards Mrs. Nathaniel Pettes for the benefits received from the Pettes Memorial Hall. In conclusion he expressed his sorrow at the absence of his esteemed friend Mr. S. W. Foster, and spoke of the great work the latter had done throughout the country, especially in the matter of railway construction.

Knowlton Orchestra.

An interlude of a few moments was appropriately and pleasantly filled in with a brilliant orchestral selection. Incidentally it might not be out of place to mention here that the Knowlton orchestra is still led by a gifted musical lady, Mrs. J. E. Fay, and that as an amateur organization it is equalled by few and surpassed by no other amateur orchestra in the Province of Quebec — where music is the most extensively cultivated of all the fine arts.

Rural Dean Hepburn.

Rev. Rural Dean Hepburn, responding to the call made upon him, expressed his extreme gratification at being present at the demonstration. He travelled lightly and buoyantly over his former association with the original Knowlton Academy and in a happy vein recalled some of the incidents connected with his pedagogic career. Mr. Hepburn is a cultured and thoughtful speaker and he impresses the listener favorably by his happy combination of dignity and amability. On Friday evening he was quite in touch with his environment, and his pleasing reminiscences and kindly words of commendation naturally evoked cordial applause.

Last but not least.

The last, but not least, speaker that evening was Mr. C. A. Jackson. Though quite a veteran in the teachers' profession, Mr. Jackson is still a comparatively young man, and is in possession of the same physical and mental vigor that has been characteristic of him since his boyhood days. Mr. Jackson remarked on two important features that existed during the fulfilment of his duties here. In the early part of his career in Knowlton he brought the standard of the school from the 7th to the 4th rank and a few years later to the 1st rank, with a grant of \$500. Emphatically he spoke of his allegiance to the Union Jack, and in a striking Cuban incident told of the loyalty others could and should have for the same. Mr. Jackson will sail from New York in October, via the new steamship Cleveland, on a protracted personally conducted trip round the world, and in another year will take charge of the Protestant high school of Lachine. However this is simply an aside and was not so much as hinted at in Mr. Jackson's vigorous address. The meeting, the largest ever held in Pettes Hall, closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The second day.

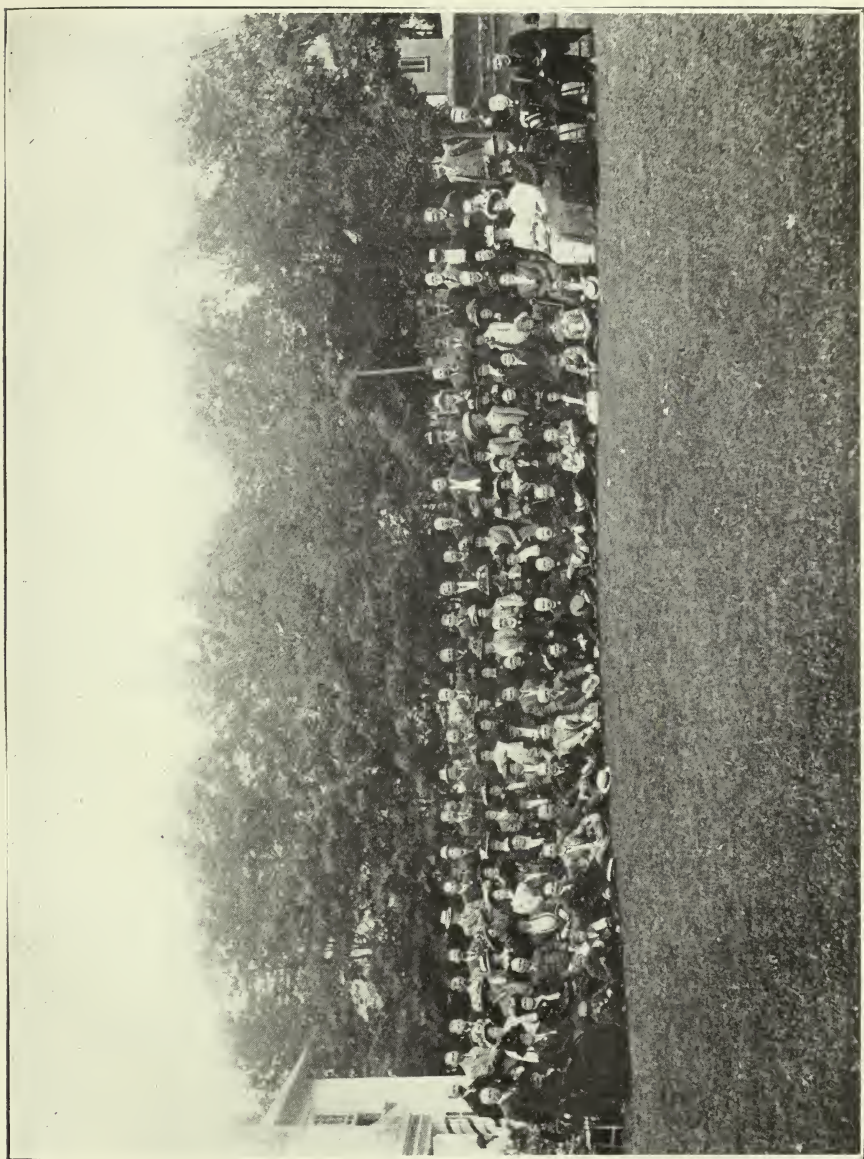
Saturday was ushered in with lowering skies and a steady downpour of rain. As a matter of fact it rained all the preceding night and during the following day there were only momentary flashes of sunlight — just sufficient to show, as it were, that Old Sol had no personal grievance against the Knowlton Old Boys and that they might depend upon his co-operation in a case of actual emergency. But outdoor exercises

or external gatherings in any form were of course out of the question, so the projected picnic in Foster park, which was expected to be the piece de resistance of the celebration and attract visitors from a wide extent of territory, had to be abandoned. However, there was a public meeting in the afternoon in the Lake View Hotel, which had been made ready for the very emergency which arose. Every seat was taken and additional chairs had to be provided, while many remained standing. Mr. Geo. G. Foster, K.C., President of the Knowlton Academy Association, occupied the chair with unquestionable ability. Mr. Foster was in his element. In action as well as speech he is quick, alert, vigorous. When he speaks he strikes straight out from the shoulder, and so arrests the attention of his auditors, and concentrates his own thoughts that he can say more — and say it well — in five minutes than many another speaker in fifteen. After a few preliminary words of welcome Mr. Foster reverted to the position of the teacher in a community and his national value, which value he was sorry to say was not always sufficiently recognized. Referring to the present celebration, Mr. Foster dwelt upon the splendid history of the Old Academy and reminded his hearers that to make the new Academy a success its history and spirit must ever be connected with the Old Academy. His address was received with every manifestation of pleasure.

The speakers

Mr. Foster then called upon the Minister of Agriculture and in response Mr. Fisher delivered an address that was certainly no reflection upon his recognized oratorical ability. It abounded in good advice and was punctuated with pleasing incidents and anecdotes which drew forth the hearty applause of all the ladies and gentlemen who sat before him. His reference to the fact that as attractive and expansive, and rich in natural resources as was the great west of Canada, there was still abundant room and opportunity for the intelligent and progressive young man in the Eastern Townships, was particularly apropos to the occasion.

Dr. Colby, eldest son of the late Hon. C. C. Colby, and Professor of History at McGill University, an erudite scholar as well as a polished and graceful speaker, charmed the audience for a brief quarter of an hour, and let fall from his lips many words of wisdom and much sound advice which will not easily be forgotten. He was followed by the Rev.



Knowlton Academy Reunion, July 1st, 1909.

R. D. Mills, the Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford. (the strenuous principal of the Montreal Diocesan College) Mr. L. Moore, B.A., and Dr. Doughty, all of whom were equal to the demands made upon them, and each of whom contributed his full quota to the success of the demonstration. The Knowlton Cornet Band discoursed sweet music at intervals during the afternoon.

Prof. James Robertson, of Macdonald College, was slated to speak. Being detained in Montreal he sought to reach Knowlton via the Saturday afternoon special, but unfortunately that got stalled at Sutton Junction, and Prof. Robertson only reached Knowlton after the meeting had broken up and just about in time to take passage on his return trip to the city.

The Knowlton Academy Re-Union began its series of events by an informal meeting at the old Academy building, and on the old Academy grounds on Friday afternoon, the 2nd of July at two o'clock. It was, perhaps, on the whole, the most enjoyable of the series of re-unions which took place, and largely on account, of the complete absence of any programme. It was most pleasant to see old teachers, and old scholars who had not met for scores of years, shaking hands and renewing the acquaintance that had thus been interrupted. Many pleasant reminiscences were indulged in, and amusing incidents related of what had occurred in the old days. During the course of the afternoon, photograph artists from Boston appeared on the scene and asked to be permitted to take a photograph of those assembled. This was done by means of the formation into a circular crowd, when about one hundred persons arranged themselves in position. The Knowlton local artist, Mr. Russell, followed, and he was able to offer copies of the crowd for sale the following day.

After this informal gathering on the grounds, everybody adjourned to the museum in the building, where Rev. E. M. Taylor, the Librarian of the Brome County Historical Society, assisted by his son, Mr. Reginald Taylor, explained the different articles which are there on exhibition.

THE ROLL CALL

Among many others, the following persons were in attendance: Mr. Justice and Mrs. Archibald, Mr. C. A. Jackson, Rev. R. D. and Mrs. Mills, Mr and Mrs Levi Moore.

Rev. Dr. Rexford, and Miss Rexford, Hon. S. A. Fisher, Dr. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLaughlin of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Martin, of Chicago; General S. F. Kneeland, of New York; Dr. and Mrs. Darrah, of Enosburg Falls, Vt.; Robert Burnett, of Montreal; A. Shufelt of St. Albans, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goddard of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Guthrie, M. P. Morrison, J. R. Ball, J. P. Hall, R. Wallace, C. W. C. Lapman, R. T. Moses of Boston, Mass., W. S. Knowlton, W. M. Hillhouse, J. C. Pettes, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Boright, B. S. Martin, J. E. and Mrs. Fay, H. C. Knowlton, L. L. Knowlton,, Mrs. C. S. Smith, Miss Lilian M. Birt, Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Hattie B. Shufelt, Mrs. A. P. Ingalls, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Safford, Rev. Rural Dean Hepburn, Richmond, Que.; W. N. Peters of Magog, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Williams of Trinidad, Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Fitchburg, Mass., Mrs. W. H. Rublee, F. A. and Mrs. Knowlton, W. A. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. England, Miss Honeyman, M. A. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stevens, Miss G. F. Stevens, Miss M. G. F. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Foster, Principal Kneeland, Mrs. A. J. Taylor, Mrs. A. Barnes, C. E. Bancroft, of Boston, T. K. Foster, H. S. Foster, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lynch, Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael, Miss M. M. Hunt, Miss L. A. Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robb, Mrs. A. M. Niell, Mrs. A. W. Mitchell, Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. A. E. Ralston, Mr and Mrs T. B. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs Thomas Reid, Dr. J. W. Robertson of St. Anne's, Dr. C. W. Colby, Dr. Doughty of Ottawa, Professor Lynde, Mrs. M. M. Knowlton, Miss M. Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lynch, Mrs. H. Simpson, Mrs. N. Pettes, Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fleury, Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettes, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hubbard, Mrs. S. Blackwood, M. H. Bedee, Rev. Mr. Galley, Dr. and Mrs. Prime, of Barton, Vt., Miss S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Williams, Miss M. Williams, M. E. and Mrs. Williams, H. S. Williams, T. I. Lynch, of Montreal, Miss A. Wood, Miss Helen Wood, Miss Sarah Wood, Mr. R. M. Noyes, Mr. W. H. O'Regan, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Duboyce.

THE CALL OF KNOWLTON ACADEMY.

(By General S. F. Kneeland, New York.)

The hills and vales of Knowlton
Are calling to me to-night;
The voice is the voice of childhood,
The land is the land of delight.

As far as the eye can reach,
As wide as the mind can span,
Mountain, meadow and lake,
Moorland, pool and fen.

Vistas of gray and yellow,
Visions of pink and brown,
All blend in roseate splendor
As the autumn sun goes down.

The greedy swift-winged fish-hawk
Quivers over the lake,
And here and there a partridge
Is calling to his mate.

An eagle is slowly winging
Over the distant lea,
And a robin quaintly singing
Vesper songs to me.

As the dial of time moves backward
By a wave of Aaron's rod —
The world grows young and tender,
Recreate, by the Grace of God.

But hark: over field and forest
The peal of a warning bell
What matters if feet are laggard?
Dear Marsh: We know thee well.

Spirit of Knowlton Academy:
We welcome thy presence to-night
A cup to thee, for Auld Lang Syne,
And thy maidens, angels of light.

Beyond thy vales, inlaid with mist,
Sweet-scented by daffodils;
Beyond thy meadows violet-kissed,
And the distant cloud-capped hills;

Beyond thy mountains, weary and old
And the blue expanse of sea;
Some day, when God wills, we shall behold
—The splendor of Eternity.

Extracts from the following paper were read by the Society's President at the "Knowlton Academy Reunion" held in the "Pettes Memorial" Hall, on the evening of July 2d., 1909; and as it is more or less of a history of the Society's home, the "Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial," it has been thought advisable to publish it among the Society's proceedings.

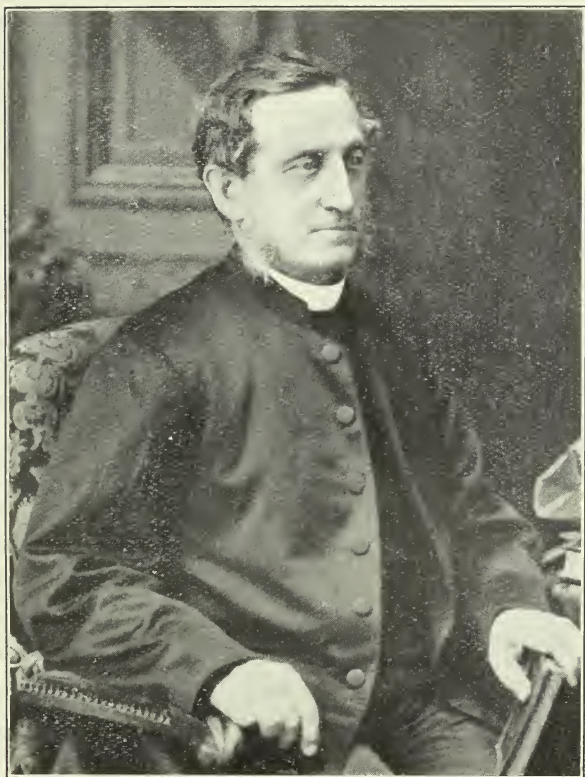
PAPER ON THE EARLY, AND SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF KNOWLTON ACADEMY, READ AT THE RE-UNION, ON THE 2nd OF JULY 1909.

As I have had an opportunity of seeing some old documents in connection with this school, which give information, possibly not known to many of those present, I have thought it well to put that information in the form of a paper, so that it may be enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

It would appear that during the visit of the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton to England in the early forties he was very much impressed with the English system of public schools, and on his return was very desirous of introducing a somewhat similar system here, and hence it will be observed that he apparently used every effort to endeavour to give effect to this wish.

I find that the first school (and now I speak of the school without reference to its character as an elementary or high school) was opened by Gerald de Courcy O'Grady, (a graduate of Dublin University) in 1850. It was known as the "Brome Grammar School". The Fall term of this school was held in the front part of the house that was recently sold by Mr. F. England to the Eastern Townships Bank, and was then known as the old "Calvin Richardson house". The Winter and Spring terms were held in a house that then stood on the corner, where Mr. Rublee now lives, and was known as "The Immigrant House". At the end of the Spring term, Mr. O'Grady left to study for the Ministry.

I find in the old Vestry book of St. Paul's Church, that in May 1853, the following subscriptions were made towards supporting a school for three years: —



Rev. Robert Lindsay, M.A.

Rev. D. Lindsay	\$ 15.00
Rev. R. Lindsay	15.00
H. S. Foster	20.00
L. M. Knowlton	15.00
Moses Gilman	10.00
Isaac Hewson	5.00
J. Honneyman	5.00
Lot Parker	5.00
L. Ball	5.00
L. Ware	5.00
A. Wheeler	5.00
A. Kimball	3.00
J. Patterson	5.00
T. Chamberlin	5.00
L. Knowlton	2.00
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The following entry appears in this book among the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Easter Monday April 16, 1854.

“The subject of establishing a superior school, having for some time been in contemplation, the Hon. P. H. Knowlton, having promised a large and valuable subscription, both in land, money and materials, and subscriptions being otherwise raised (the particulars of which are recorded among the subscription lists in this book) it was resolved that the Hon. P. H. Knowlton, L. M. K. Knowlton, H. S. Foster, J. Meritt, and the Rev. R. Lindsay be a committee for building and attending to all matters connected with the erection of the school.”

The subscription list alluded to in this entry, must have been on a detached paper, and must have been lost, as I can find no trace of it in the minute book.

I have been handed the following letter and list of names, written by the late Rev. Robert Lindsay, who was then ill at Frelighsburg, which refers to the same matter: — “Frelighsburg, Aug. 23d., 1854 — My Dear Colonel, — I deeply lament the cause which separates me from the mission. And as much as I have looked forward with pleasure to a visit to England, yet under present circumstances I cannot but say that I regret it. I am most sorry on account of the school; and I do hope and trust that you will use every effort to get it at once into operation, for whether completed now

or in a twelvemonth hence the expense will be the same. Enclosed I send you a copy of the subscription list. The names in pencil are those who have promised and those who, I think, will assist. I do not doubt but that the Church will give £50. which will be a larger amount than I think is granted to any other school in the Diocese. This will leave for the school and ourselves to make up the other £50. I shall be delighted to hear that the school is in successful operation and I believe that it will do me more good than any other thing. If there is anything I can do for yourself in England I shall be very willing. With many thanks to you and Mrs. Knowlton for your kindness to myself and Mrs. Lindsay, Believe me, Yours Sincerely, R. Lindsay.

L. Ware: £1; I. England: 5; I. Hewson: 1-5; R. Lindsay: £5; E. Wilson: 1-5; Wm. Moses: 2-10; Winchester: 1-5.

(The following names are written in pencil)

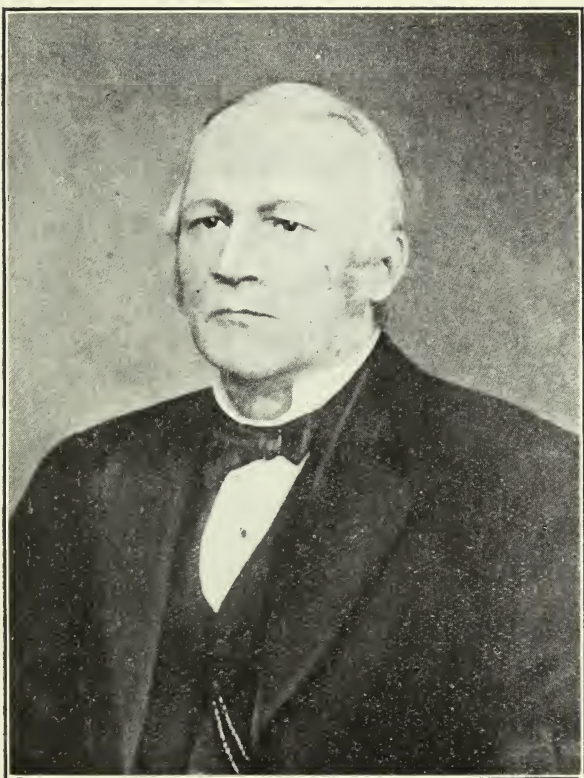
A. Wheeler, H. Knowlton, Moses Gilman, Timothy Chamberlin, Sweet; H. Williams, Thos. Reid, D. Stewart, Davis, Stebbings.

It is evident that the original building, which was built as a one story brick building, was erected during the Summer of 1854, and it may be interesting to know that it was the last masonry work which was done by the friend of many of us, Robert Patterson, Esq., who is well known in the City of Winnipeg, Man., as one of its most successful business men, and he is always a welcome visitor to Knowlton.

On the 9th. of November 1854, before Dickinson N. P. the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton, by deed of donation "out of his free good will, gave, for the advancement of learning in the Township of Brome" etc, to the late Archdeacon Lindsay, then acting for his brother, the late Rev. Robert Lindsay (the clergyman in charge of St. Paul's Church, Brome), about ten acres of land, "with a brick school house thereon erected and "built for the express purpose of a high school, and to and "for no other use or purpose whatsoever in connection with "St. Paul's Church, Brome, and of the Established Church "of England."

I find in the minute book already referred to, the following entered among the minutes of the annual Vestry Meeting held on the 14th. of June 1855: —

"The affairs of the school having been discussed, Mr. Patterson presented a claim for work done, which the School Committee considered had been paid in the settlement with



Hiram S. Foster.

his son. After a long discussion it was agreed to value the building and to pay Mr. Patterson whatever balance might remain over, which was found to be \$50.13. Mr. L. Knowlton's account for \$30.00 for drawing stone was agreed to.

The following Committee for managing school affairs was then appointed:

Rev. R. Lindsay.
L. M. Knowlton & H. S. Foster (ex officio)
Hon. P. H. Knowlton.
Luke Knowlton.
J. Meritt.
J. S. Reid.
A. Kimball.
J. Honeyman.
J. Patterson."

I have no information as to whether any school was held at Knowlton (then known as Coldbrook), from the departure of Mr. O'Grady until the Fall of 1854, when the new building was ready for occupation. Hon. P. H. Knowlton then secured the services of Mr. Eugene Aram, a graduate of Oxford, to take charge of the School. He taught the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms, when he resigned and went back to England. The Summer term of 1855 was taught by a man by the name of Gosselin. In the Fall of that year (1855) Frederick Bert, (an Englishman) was engaged as teacher. He taught the Fall, Winter and Spring terms, when he resigned and was succeeded by Edgar Hill, a graduate of Vermont University, Burlington. He taught the Summer and Fall terms and likewise resigned.

During the Winter term taught by Mr. Bert, the attendance of scholars is said to have been quite large, so much so that Miss Ellen Knowlton, (the late Mrs. John Fiske) was engaged to assist Mr. Bert.

W. S. Hall, B.A. (a brother of the late Mr. Justice Hall) taught the school during the scholastic year 1855-6. He was in turn succeeded by the late R. W. Laing, who was succeeded by J. W. Marsh, B.A., who continued to teach the school for two or three years, leaving here in the Spring of 1862. We had hoped to have had Mr. Marsh with us here today, but considering the long distance which separates us from him (his residence being in Portland, Oregon), and also the fact that he is getting to be an old man, we must not be surprised if he hesitated to undertake the journey. Those who knew Mr. Marsh,

will remember him as being an ardent botanist. It was he who planted the rose bushes at the entrance to the old school.

Mr. Marsh is the only survivor of the body of distinguished teachers who were then engaged in the different Academies of this district, such as Hobart Butler of Stanbridge, J. A. McLaughlin of Dunham, R. W. Laing of Waterloo, and Henry Baker of Frelighsburg.

Mr. Marsh was succeeded by the Rev. J. Smith, who was aided by his son (the late Rev. Buxton B. Smith) who died not long since as Dean of the Diocese of London, Ont., and Miss Sarah Smith, who has long been known as one of the successful heads of Ladies Schools in Montreal.

The school had evidently grown somewhat in importance for I find that in the minutes already referred to at the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's Church, held on Easter Monday April 6, 1863, the following entry:—

“The subject of additional convenience for the high school was referred to the Clergyman and Church Wardens”, and among the minutes of a special meeting held on the 2nd November 1863, the following:—

“The building of a class room for the school was decided upon, that it should be done”.

Effect does not seem to have been given at that time to this determination for I find in an entry of a special meeting of the Vestry, held on the 3rd. March 1867, to consider the condition of the school, the following:—

“The subject of the best means to render the school more effective was considered. After a long conversation it was agreed that it is desirable to obtain one or more rooms for an Elementary Department, a class room, and perhaps eventually, a girl's school. It was thought desirable to put another story on to the present building. Towards it, H. S. Foster promised to give \$250.00. It was agreed that in addition to the Clergymen, and Church Wardens, Messrs. Dunkin, Mills, Macfarlane, Chandler, Prime, Williams and S. W. Foster be a School Committee”.

I also find the following entry of subscriptions and other sums towards enlarging the school building:—

H. S. Foster	.	.	.	.	\$250.00
Hon. C. Dunkin	.	.	.	.	100.00
Rev. R. Lindsay	.	.	.	.	25.00
N. Pettes	.	.	.	.	25.00
H. R. Williams	.	.	.	.	10.00



Mrs. Hiram S. Foster.

L. M. Knowlton	10.00
Isaac Hewson.	5.50
Balance on term between Mr. Gore and Mr. Archibald.	22.00
Two years of rent of School land	28.00
School Fees, Mr. Marsh . . .	10.70
School Fees, Rev. J. Smith . .	8.50
Glebe, less prizes	10.75
Fees from Mr. Gore	6.25
Court House land	50.00

The school was taught during the year 1865-6, by the late F. W. Hicks, B.A., and a portion of the latter year by Mr. Gore.

I remember very well that the late Rev. Joseph Fessenden, the husband of our esteemed friend Mrs. Fessenden (who has very considerably prepared a paper for us, which will be read to-morrow) taught the Academy at some period about the time for a portion of the year, but I am unable to fix the precise date. He will, I know, be remembered as an ardent and enthusiastic searcher for knowledge by those who were fortunate enough to have been his pupils.

Our valued friend Mr. Justice Archibald, whom we are all delighted to have with us to-day, was the teacher from September 1867 to November 1868. I am not quite positive of the statement, but I think Judge Archibald was the first to occupy the building in its enlarged form, that is, with the second storey, and although the schools were not in any way connected, the second storey was occupied as an elementary school, and it was taught by Miss Elvira A. Hungerford (now and for many years the esteemed wife of Rev. R. D. Mills), from 1867 to 1871.

In 1858 the Incumbent, and Church Wardens of St. Paul's Church, sold to the Corporation of Brome County, a small piece of the land donated by Col. Knowlton, on which now stands the County Building and the recently erected Post Office (due to the initiative of our honored member, the Minister of Agriculture). On the 6th of May 1870 they also sold to Dr. Prime about nine acres of this land, upon which the residences of Dr. McGowan, Mr. Macfarlane, Miss Wood, and Mr. McDowell now stand. The school was taught from 1868 until 1870 by the Rev. J. Hepburn (now Rural Dean at Richmond), and I am sure everyone, and especially those who attended school at that time, are rejoiced to see him with us to-day. Mr. W. C. Eldridge was the teacher, in 1871-2.

The late Doctor C. L. Cotton taught the school in 1872-3. In 1874 Mr. C. A. Jackson, M.A., an old Brome boy, came to take charge of the school, and continued to direct it with marked success (as he has always done since, wherever he went) until 1883.

Rev. L. M. England, B.A., was its teacher in 1883-5, and I am sure we will welcome Mr. England with us here to-day.

The School was taught in 1886-88 by the late J. L. Walton. This was the last term preceding the taking over of the school and its work by the Corporation of the School Commissioners of the Village of Knowlton; and before referring to what has been done since their assumption of control, I will take the liberty of introducing some matters which I think will be of interest to those assembled here to-day.

In 1879 it was thought desirable, in the interest of the school, to give it a more popular character, and to associate with the Minister and Church Wardens of St. Paul's Church, some of the citizens of Knowlton and the Township of Brome, in the management of the school. To that end a meeting of citizens was held at which Dr. Prime, Dr. Wood, and Hon. W. W. Lynch were chosen a Committee for such purpose. That Committee acting with the then Minister, (the late Rev. Charles Bancroft), and Mr. Justice Dunkin and J. S. Williams, Church Wardens, adopted the following agreement: —

“1. There shall be a Board of Trustees for the management of said Academy, composed of the Rev. Charles Bancroft, M.A., the Hon. Mr. Justice Dunkin, John S. Williams, and such other three persons as shall be chosen by a majority in number and value of the subscriptions of the subscribers to the fund hereinafter mentioned, and that a seventh person be chosen by the six already provided for.

2nd. In case of the death or resignation of any Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by the various members appointing thereto, and whenever any member ceases to reside in the township of Brome, he shall no longer be a member of the Board, and his place shall be filled as above provided in case of a vacancy.

3rd. The said Academy shall be carried on by the said trustees subject only to such general regulations relative thereto, as they, with the approval of the said Rector and Church Wardens, may have laid down, such regulations amendable only by the said Trustees with the approval of the said Rector, and Church Wardens.



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Containing Free Library and Concert Hall.**

4th. All property and funds held by the said Rector and Church Wardens for the said Academy, shall be by them placed unreservedly at the disposal of the said Trustees, for their service.

5th. The condition of this agreement is that a sufficient supplementary fund be raised to provide for placing and keeping in a good state of order and repair, the school building and grounds, or for building a new one.

6th. Legislation will be asked, to give effect to this agreement.

Knowlton, 23 May 1879.

In virtue of that agreement, an act was passed by the Legislature of Quebec, entitled "An Act to facilitate the "management of the Knowlton Academy". To provide for this incorporation and for other purposes, a subscription was started, and signed by the following: —

"Christ. Dunkin.	\$100.00
N. Pettes.	\$100.00
W. W. Lynch.	\$100.00
Sydney Fisher.	\$100.00
Courtney & Farmer.	\$100.00
Williams Bros.	\$150.00
E. L. Chandler.	\$100.00

Effect was not fully given to the special legislation, but the result was the erection of the wing which was attached to the main building, and which now forms the village fire station.

In September 1881, the following announcement was made by the Board of Trustees composed of Rev. Charles Bancroft, M.A., H. S. Foster, J. S. Williams, N. Pettes, and W. W. Lynch (the two latter as associates).

"The management of this institution have great pleasure in announcing that they have, through the liberality of the people of Knowlton and vicinity, been able, during the past Summer, to enlarge the buildings under their control, and to put them in first class order. They have been fitted up with the most modern school appliances, and they are now second to none in the Eastern Townships".

It further announces Mr. C. A. Jackson as Principal, Miss Wood as teacher of the English Primary Department, and Miss Angers as teacher of French.

Knowlton having become incorporated as a Village, it was thought desirable that the School should be under the

control of the new Board of School Commissioners, and accordingly on the 22nd. July 1889, the Rector of St. Paul's Church, and the Wardens executed a lease for the school property for ninety nine years to the Commissioners. The school building having been found insufficient, and a large extent of land being offered in another part of the village, this lease was cancelled on the 22nd. of August 1898, and the property returned to the control of the Church. It was not found practicable to maintain a separate school, and so the buildings were unoccupied. On the 25th. of June 1901, the late Thomas A. Knowlton, as the heir and universal legatee of his Uncle, the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton, instituted an action in the Superior Court of this district to set aside the deed of donation, and to recover the property. The action was contested by the Church, and was about to be tried, when mutual friends intervened, and suggested that both parties should abandon their respective claims, and unite in deeding over the whole property to the Brome County Historical Society, on condition that it should forever be maintained in good order, to perpetuate the memory of the original donor, and be known as the "PAUL HOLLAND KNOWLTON MEMORIAL". The suggestion was cheerfully adopted. The Society accepted the charge, and full effect was given to all the titles by a act passed on January 28, 1903, before E. Fleury. In order to remove any doubt that might be raised in regard to the transaction, and to settle forever all possible difficulties, application was made to the Legislature of Quebec for the passage of an act confirming the transfer; and this act was assented to on the 25th. April 1903, and became law as Chap. 124 of 3rd. Edward Seventh.

I cannot resist the temptation of introducing here an article which I found in the issue of the "Observer" Cowansville, under date of November 25, 1870. This was at the time when I had the pleasure of being the associate editor of this newspaper, and as I find that I was present at the gathering, it is more than likely that I was the reporter of the incident about which I am writing. It speaks of a presentation which had been made on the Saturday preceding to Miss Hungerford, who has already been referred to, and who was then engaged in teaching the elementary school. The article continues: —

"The exercises were very interesting, and heartily enjoyed by those present. They were opened by a song from the children "HAPPY GREETING TO ALL", after which Rev. R. Lindsay offered prayer. Master George Greene

Foster on behalf of himself, and fellow scholars presented to Miss Hungerford a large and tasty silver cake basket, got up in Lyman Co's best style, bearing the following inscription, "*Presented to Elvira A. Hungerford, by her pupils at Knowlton, P. Q., November 19, 1870*", with a silver cup, on which were inscribed the initials "E. A. H." The presentation was accompanied by the following address: —

"Dear Teacher. If you had looked closely into our eyes yesterday when we said "good bye" to you at the close of our term of school, you would have noticed a merry twinkle in them which would not have been there if we had not intended this little surprise for you to-day. This is the first day of our vacation, and may it prove both for you and for us, the happiest vacation any school ever had. You have been a faithful teacher to us, and many of us have been with you as scholars for nearly three years, and we have often given you trouble by carelessness and neglect in our work, and by the mischief which we have done (which is inherent in the heart of every boy) and you have borne with us, and guided and assisted us in climbing up the hill of knowledge.

We regret that for some of us the relationship which we have hitherto borne to each other, that of teacher and scholar, must be broken, but we could not let that tie be severed without an expression of sorrow, and we wish to present to you a testimonial of our love, and to show that our parents as well as ourselves appreciate your services. Accept them, dear Teacher, the gifts we have procured for you, and may our Father grant you his richest blessings, and may we all meet again at last, an unbroken circle in Heaven".

The village of Knowlton was erected into a separate school municipality by an Order-in-Council of the Government of the Province of Quebec, bearing date the 28th. August 1888, and that body proceeded at once to take charge of the school.

As my remarks have already extended beyond what I had anticipated, I shall content myself with merely giving the names of the different teachers from 1888 up to the present time, viz: —

1888-9. H. A. Honeyman and Helen G. Wood.

1889-90. A. L. Gilman, Miss Helen Wood and Miss Mary Taylor.

1890-91. A. L. Gilman, Miss Helen Wood and Miss Mary Taylor.

1891-92. A. L. Gilman, Miss Helen Wood and Miss Mary Taylor.

1892-93. A. L. Gilman, Miss Helen Wood and Miss Mary Taylor.

1893-4. Levi Moore, Miss L. Orr and Miss E. C. Lockerby.

1894-5. Levi Moore, Miss L. Orr and Miss E. C. Lockerby.

1895-6. Levi Moore, Miss Maud Marsh and Mrs. C. O. Brown.

1896-7. Levi Moore, Mrs. E. Wherry and Miss Eunice Barber.

1897-8. Levi Moore, Miss L. Orr and Miss Eunice Barber.

1898-9. Levi Moore, Miss L. Orr and Miss Eunice Barber.

1899-1900. Levi Moore, Miss L. Orr and Miss Eunice Barber.

1900-01. Levi Moore, Miss Traver, Mrs MacDonald and Miss Barber.

1901-2. Levi Moore, Mrs Eva R. MacDonald and Miss Barber.

1902-3. Levi Moore, Mrs Eva R. MacDonald and Miss Barber.

1903-4. N. C. Davis, Miss Hattie Patch and Miss Mattie Hunt.

1904-5. L. Moore, Miss Eliza Smith and Miss Mattie Hunt.

1905-6. R. M. Noyes, Miss Eliza Smith, Miss Whitehead and Miss Hunt.

1906-7. R. M. Noyes, Miss L. M. Miller, Miss Helen Taylor and Miss Hunt.

1907-8. Miss M. O. Vaudry, Miss Lydia Shaw, Miss Whitehead and Miss Davis.

1908-9. Miss Vaudry, Miss Lindop, Miss Godue and Miss Davis.

I cannot undertake to speak in the terms in which they deserve of all the teachers who have taught in the several departments of Knowlton Academy and who have helped to give it the reputation which it has long enjoyed — time will not permit of my doing so. It will have been observed that those who were with us for the longest time were Mrs. Mills, Mr. Jackson, the late Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Helen Wood, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Moore, Miss Orr and Miss Barber. I shall not allude to the teachers and scholars who have crossed the great divide — I shall leave that privilege to another, on another occasion.

I cannot close without making a passing allusion to the occasion which has brought us together, and I desire to say that the idea originated entirely with the President of the Knowlton Academy reunion, our esteemed friend Mr. George G. Foster, K.C.

Those who know him will not be surprised because he will always be found giving his immense energy to any work which is calculated to do anybody or any cause, good. My object in preparing this paper was to call special attention to the men who were instrumental in laying the foundation upon which Knowlton Academy was erected, and I think I ought to mention the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton, the late Rev. Robert Lindsay, the late Hiram S. Foster, and the late Luke M. Knowlton. It must be remembered that in alluding to these names, I refer to a period now nearly sixty years in the past. A humble effort at that time, is deserving of greater recognition than some of the superb exhibitions of generosity, of which we are now almost daily witnesses. I may be pardoned if I single out among these names, that of the late Hon. Paul Holland Knowlton, for there can be no doubt that by the handsome gift which he made, in land and money in 1854, he assured the after success of the school. Many of those who are here to-day owe their early education to the training which they received within its walls, and I know they will not feel that I am doing otherwise than my duty, if I call their special attention to the fact that the Brome County Historical Society is now the owner of that property, or at least all that remains of it, but subject to the obligation that it shall forever maintain it in good order, to perpetuate the memory of the original donor.

I appeal therefore to-night to some of the old scholars who have been successful in life, to rally around our President and help him in his noble effort to aid the Historical Society in discharging the obligation which it has assumed.

I may say, because I know it to be a fact, that that society is without means, and that it has no present prospect of ever having any. I merely mention the subject for I know that my excellent friend, Mr. Foster will take occasion, before we bid one another adieu, to make a more effective appeal, in this connection, than I can possibly hope to do.

Let me close by saying how pleased and delighted I am that such a large number of the old teaching staff and scholars and their friends have responded to the invitation which has been extended to them.

I bid you all a hearty welcome, and I trust that the recollections of your visit among us will be lasting, and that we shall often see you here again at the old village, in the old school house, and on the old grounds.

The following interesting paper was kindly prepared by Mrs. Clementina Fessenden, of Hamilton, Ont. and was to have been read at the Reunion on the 3rd of July; but unfortunately owing to want of time, it could not be. Owing to its peculiar value and to the high esteem in which its author is held, it has been thought well to publish it also.

EMPIRE DAY.

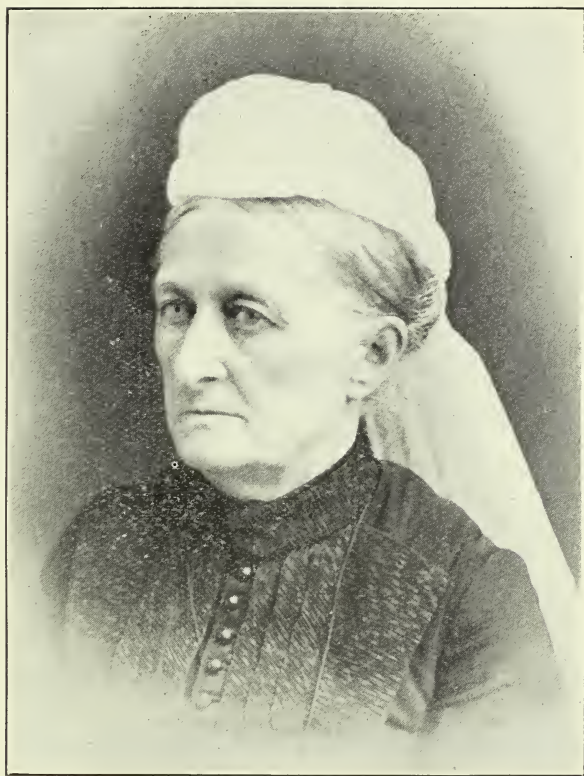
Into the personal history of this your beautiful town, is interwoven the story of a life whose early struggles told of an inborn, upward endeavour toward a loyal keeping of the command "Fear God and honour the king". When in later years the hope of his boyhood life was realized and he stood upon the watchtower of Church life, whose singleness of heart and purity of intent placed him in the vanguard Elisha Joseph Fessenden was called upon to lead the mission force as a deputation to the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in England." Entering into the work with heart and soul he not only succeeded in gaining large offertories for that Society's cause, but in stirring up the interest of the great hearted Mother land in this her Canadian daughter. Mr. Fessenden helped materially by his addresses to strengthen the tie binding them together.

His ardent imperialism, everywhere, at all times — on all possible occasions — found eloquent expression. No wonder that on his return to Canada these loyal sentiments penetrated the home life and there found seed ground.

How else could it be when every sermon he preached, every article he wrote, every talk by the wayside bore this loyal imprint.

On Mr. Fessenden's passing home, the bereft ones felt the legacy of an imperial belief, one to be cherished into strong hopeful realization.

This end was in a degree attained, when on the annual meeting of the Wentworth Historical Society in 1896 his widow and little grandchild were present. On the passing of a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Fessenden, she in reply expressed the hope that the loyal spirit of her ancestor might rest upon the granddaughter. Whereupon it was moved and



Mrs. N. Pettes.

seconded and carried unanimously that little Kathleen Trenholm Fessenden be made an honorary member of the Society. In the glow of enthusiasm, which lit up the face of the child Mrs. Fessenden had a vision of the time when all the children of the Empire might be so stirred with their indentification of a worthy past. If the new life and inspiration that came to this one child might come equally to all children, what a tremendous influx of national energy and robust imperialism might there not be born into the coming generations?

In this seed thought, germinated our "Empire Day". Following it out Mrs Fessenden appealed to various national societies and a most responsive press for help to carry out her suggestion. Her letters appeared in our leading dailies, notably, Montreal Star, Witness, Gazette, Toronto Globe, Daily Mail and Empire — her appeal in the latter reads thus, in part: —

"We all realize more or less that we owe it to our children, the inheritors of our loyal and patriotic past, that they go forth to life's battle strong in every loyal impulse, nerved by every patriotic impulse not only to sustain for Canada her present proud position, but to win for her a still higher place among the peoples of the world. We can in a measure provide for this, in our educational system by so teaching our literary, constitutional and social history and imparting such knowledge of our laws and their obligations and the public duties of our Citizenship, that this life of our children as developed in our schools, shall have its roots in, and take its sentiments from our British nationality and no other."

One suggested means for this growth was the keeping of one day "When we may gather up the fragments of our school year for a right loyal feast — a day when our history, past and present may be enrolled with becoming dignity and ceremonial — a day when our national hymns and patriotic songs may be heard — and our hearts set aglow with the recital of the heroism of our United Empire Loyalists Fathers and our sons live over their boyhood life the Homeric age of Canada. The idea rapidly grew in the hearts already quickening with imperialism — an imperialism foreshadowed in confederation — felt in the numerous formations of patriotic, historic or national societies — seen in the splendid work of our schools.

In 1897 the first resolution for a patriotic day passed the Hamilton School Board. In 1898 Ontario teachers accepted it. In 1898 the Dominion Teacher's Association meeting in Halifax unanimously passed the resolution that such a day be kept on

the last school day before the 24th of May, and this day is now legislatively incorporated into the school system of Canada.

For the first time London, England, this year kept Empire Day. The Secretary of the League of the Empire, writing its originator, that "all the different flags of the Empire were carried through the streets of London and trooped in Hyde Park" — a quarter of a million of people witnessing this significant demonstration of the unity of the Empire.

Lord Roberts was present and saluted the flag in the march past. Congratulatory telegrams were sent to the King in like manner as was sent to our late Queen when in 1889 the day was first publicly observed in Canada, notably in Montreal.

Two things are specially urged for special consideration. The first that Empire and Victoria Day are not interchangeable terms, neither their dates nor offices. Empire Day is an Imperially educative one — to be observed "the last school day before the 24th of May" and therefore not a holiday.

Victoria Day, May 24th was the name given to the Queen's birthday, by an act of the Parliament of Canada, when on our good Queen's death it was decreed to be kept as hitherto "a national holiday and given that name as in memoriam as it were of her" who knew the season when to take occasion by the hand, and bid the bounds of Empire widen out" and we would not at this date seek to revoke that act. Thus we have two distinctive days, distinctive in name, distinctive in date, distinctive in Character.

This point is specially emphasized because of the mistake whereby the day so magnificently inaugurated in England by Lord Meath some five years ago has lost much of its power, for only in the UNBROKEN hand clasp of children round the world, can the full force of a pulsating imperialism be realized with the almost universal observance of Empire Day, however it is not too much to hope that the study of best methods for its celebration will result in united plan of observance.

In closing this imperfect sketch the writer would express her sincere thanks for the invitation to be with the dear people of Knowlton on such a happy occasion as this foregathering of old friends would indicate. In the old Knowlton Academy fondest memories are entwined with its varied story and our heart gladly responds to your prayer "God bless our King and Empire and keep us loyal".

Signed. CLEMETINA FESSENDEN.

MINUTES OF MEETING (continued).

A meeting of the executive of the Brome County Historical Society was held in accord with notices sent out through the mails as well as published in the Sherbrooke Daily Record and Waterloo Advertiser, at the hour of 2.30 p. m. of May the 1st 1909, in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building, Judge Lynch, presiding.

Present : — Rev. Canon Carmichael, Judge Foster, Mr. H. S. Foster, Messrs M. H. Bedee and R. N. England. The Secretary-treasurer was also present. The letter of Miss Allen, the Secretary-treasurer of the National Historical Association, was read.

It was moved by Mr. H. S. Foster and seconded by Canon Carmichael and Mr. Bedee and carried unanimously ; — "That the executive of this society approve of the continuation of the National Historical Association and that the Rev. E. M. Taylor be sent as a delegate to Toronto to attend the meeting in June and that Miss E. Meiklejohn be appointed a co-delegate. Afterwards the name of W. Russell Skey was added.

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Mr. Taylor did not go to Toronto as he received a message from Miss Agnes M. Fitzgibbon that the attendance of which she was assured did not justify the expense of the trip.

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The 12th Annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in its building, the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial, on the 24th of August 1909. His Lordship, Mr. Justice Lynch, who has been the President ever since the organization of the Society, twelve years ago, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

There were present : — Rev. Canon Carmichael, Mr. R. J. M. Webb, manager of the Molson's Bank, Knowlton and Mr. J. E. O'Halloran, manager of the Eastern Townships' Bank, Knowlton, Col. O. P. Patten one of the first members of the Society, Mr Henry C. Knowlton, H. Sewell Foster, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. R. N. England, Mrs. Judge Lynch, Mrs Nathaniel Pettes, J. C. Pettes, Esq., Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, West Bolton, Rev. Andrew Galley, Reginald Taylor and others.

The Secretary-treasurer, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, made a financial report including the audit by the auditor, Mr. M. H. Bedee. This report showed no outstanding bills and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$71.65. The Society now owns a fine property free from debt.

His Lordship Justice Lynch said "The past year has been one of the most eventful in the life of the Society. And the most marked event has been the publication of the first volume of the Brome County History by our energetic Secretary. I need not specially refer to this volume for you all know it. But it is an achievement of which we may well be proud.

At our last meeting we formed a society within this Society called the "Academy Reunion".

Thanks especially to the President of that Society, George G. Foster K. C., it was a very gratifying success and a sum of about twelve hundred dollars was raised towards the future maintenance of the Old Academy Building and grounds, now the Historical Society property.

At our meeting to-day we miss two persons, never before absent from our annual meeting, namely the two honorary Presidents, Judge Foster and Mr. Lester Ball. We are all profoundly sorry for the illness of Judge Foster and we pray that he may soon be restored. Why our venerable friend, Mr. Lester Ball, now 94 years of age, is not present we do not know.

The new post office which has during the year, been constructed, while it detracts from the beauty of our property is a great addition to the attractiveness of our village.

Pending the publication of the second volume of the History of the county another report of the proceedings should be prepared.

It would probably contain the paper on the Academy History read at reunion and Mrs. Fessenden's paper which was not read.

A strong effort should be made to increase the membership of the Society and for the maintenance of the Museum.

Mr. Frank McLaughlin has written to me that he will be glad to present to the Society a complete set of the works of Doctor W. H. Drummond.

As Dr. Drummond once practiced medicine in the village of Knowlton and the surrounding Country this gift will be much appreciated.

Mr. A. Reginald Taylor, Curator of the Museum, read his report as follows: —

Since Miss Taylor resigned the position of Curator of the Museum it has been kept open every Saturday dating from September '08 (with the exception of the two months February and March) until July 1st '09 when it has been open daily (Sunday excepted) up to the present date.

The number of visitors registering during the months of July and August exceeds 300.

I beg to inform the officers of the society that the visitors register now in use is nearly filled.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. B. TAYLOR, Curator.

The resignation of Mrs. S. W. Foster as president of the Woman's Committee of the Historical Society was received with great regret and feelings of warmest sympathy. But the meeting did not feel disposed to accept her resignation but re-elected her and unanimously chose Mrs. R. P. Duboyce as Vice-President.

On motion of Canon Carmichael seconded by Mr. H. S. Foster, the officers were re-elected. Mrs. R. N. England, secretary of the Woman's Committee, read a report of the last meeting which was held in conjunction with the annual meeting and during the year no special work has been accomplished.

On suggestion of Judge Lynch it was moved by Mr. H. S. Foster and seconded by Mr. H. C. Knowlton and unanimously carried; —

"That we as a society recognizing the 12 years of unrewarded work of our painstaking secretary, the Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M. A., desire to make a beginning by paying him from the funds of the society the sum of twenty-five dollars as a slight token of our appreciation."

The following telegram was received from Judge McCorkill, the President of the Missisquoi County Historical Society; — "Greetings and best wishes from Sister Society of Missisquoi."

It was moved by Canon Carmichael and seconded by Mr. R. N. England "That the Society notices with keen sorrow and regret the absence, through illness, of Judge Foster, the grand old man of the Eastern Townships, and they express the hope that he may speedily be restored to health and strength

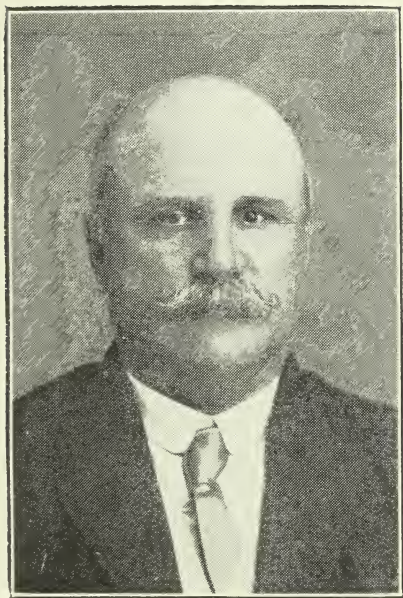
once more so that he may long be spared to continue his interest in our work of research and that a copy of this resolution be sent to him" carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. H. S. Foster and seconded by Mr. R. N. England that Judge Lynch and the Rev. Ernest M. Taylor be our representatives to attend the annual meeting of the Missisquoi County Historical Society. Carried.

It was then decided to adjourn.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR.
Secretary.





H. Sewell Foster,
President of the Brome County Historical
Society.



Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M.A.,
Secretary-Treasurer of the Brome County
Historical Society.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held August the 23rd in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building at 2.30 p.m. His Lordship Mr. Justice Lynch, President in the chair:—

There were present:— Judge Lynch, Judge Sicotte of Montreal, Judge and Mrs. McCorkill, J. C. Pettes (now over ninety years of age), Mrs. Nathaniel Pettes, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Knowlton, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Mrs. G. G. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Lynch, Mrs. Judge Lynch, E. R. Smith, Esq., of St. Johns, P. Que., Miss Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Canon Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus, M. England, Rev. Dr. Rexford, Mr. and Mrs. Vilas, Mrs. Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fleury, Mr. H. S. Foster, Mrs. C. Bancroft, Mrs. Judge Hemming, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Lawrence, Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Taylor, A. R. B. Taylor and others.

Previous to the holding of this meeting the greater number of the above had been entertained at dinner by Judge Lynch in the Lake View House.

Judge Lynch opened the meeting and reviewed the past history of the society from the time when the centennial picnic was held in a grove near the site of the first habitation in Brome Township where now a monument rests on the Farm, of Mr. E. Miltimore.

He referred to the absence of the Honorary Presidents, Judge Foster and Lester Ball Esq. the latter still living at 95 years of age but not able to make the journey from Bristol Vt. to Knowlton at this time, to the absence of Mrs. S. W. Foster, President of the Woman's Committee and also spoke at length in relation to the late Col. O. P. Patten who was with us at the last annual meeting.

He stated that after 13 years of service as President of the Society he felt it to be an absolute necessity that he should resign, promising at the same time to continue his support and interest.

As Judge McCorkill was obliged to leave early he was called upon to speak before the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Judge McCorkill who has represented the County of Brome in the Legislature expressed his pleasure at being

present and gave assurances of this interest in this Society of which he is a member Judge McCorkill as President of the Missisquoi County Historical Society extended the greeting of that Society. Judge McCorkill was listened to with great interest and he brought his address to a fitting close by reading Miss. Clarissa Austin's poem on Lake Memphremagog which appears on page 55 and 56 of the first volume of the History of Brome County. Judge McCorkill excels as an elocutionist and succeeded in awakening a new interest in the poem of this pioneer Bolton girl, who was an invalid for many years.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting and on motion they were confirmed. The Secretary Treasurer then read the following report :

At this time I desire to call attention to a few items only.

Of the Edition of the History we ordered 1500 copies but through losses in making up we really received only 1490 copies. These are now all bound and what remain are ready for sale.

The expenditures on History account have been \$1092.70 and we have received from sales \$853.38 leaving a balance against the History account of \$239.32.

We have only disposed of 624 volumes some of which have been given to editors and Libraries and individuals who have placed the History Committee under obligation.

We have in the hands of the Agents, and in stock the balance, 866 volumes.

If something could be done to push the sales we would soon have funds in hand with which to publish the second volume, the matter for which is partly ready for use.

We are very much indebted to our Member of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Vilas who succeeded in getting the Government to purchase 165 copies. If he can succeed in persuading the government to take 75 or 100 more copies so as to place one in every school Library in the county it would be a great aid to our Society and be of special value to the School Libraries.

In relation to the Funds of the Society which are kept entirely apart from the History Funds there is a balance to the credit of the Society of \$42.14.

The Curator of the Museum, Mr. A. R. B. Taylor, read his report in which he stated that there had been an average of seven visitors daily during the summer season.

Judge Lynch referred to a letter of regret at inability to

attend the meeting to-day coming to him from G. G. Foster, K.C., and spoke of the great work of Mr. Foster last year connected with the raising of an Endowment Fund for the perpetual maintenance of the Historical Society's Building and grounds.

Judge Sicotte, President of the Numismatical Society of Montreal addressed the meeting stating many interesting facts relating to historical bibliography. He referred to a history of Christopher Columbus published in 1506 only 14 years after the discovery of the new world. This was suppressed by royal authority at the request of a son of Columbus in consequence of errors.

Judge Lynch then referred to his resignation as President of the Society and suggested that someone connected with the family of that public spirited man who gave this building should be selected as his successor; and in this connection he mentioned the name of H. Sewell Foster.

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. Canon Carmichael seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor, and unanimously carried: That Mr. H. Sewell Foster be elected President of the Society.

Mr. Foster, in a few well chosen words accepted the position and promised to do his best to further the interests of the Society.

Mr. E. Fleury moved, seconded by Mr. R. N. England, that the Rev. E. M. Taylor be re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer and that the sum of twenty-five dollars be awarded to him from the funds of the Society. — Unanimously carried.

It was moved by Canon Carmichael, seconded by Rev. Dr. Rexford: That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the retiring President for the great interest shown and money which he has never ceased to give for the furtherance of the Historical Society of the County of Brome, and we deeply regret the necessity of his Lordship's retirement from leadership of the great work. — Carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

It was then moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. W. F. Vilas that Judge Lynch be appointed an honorary President of the Society. — Carried unanimously.

Mr. E. R. Smith editor of the "News" St. Johns P. Que. was called upon to address the meeting and did so very acceptably.

Mr. Vilas also added a few words expressive of his sympathy with the aims of the Society and his willingness to serve the Society in the future as occasion might demand.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Ernest Fleury: That we very much regret the enforced absence, to-day, of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Foster from our meeting, and beg to extend to them our warmest sympathy and deepest respect. — Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. H. Sewell Foster: That we take this opportunity of placing on record our high appreciation of the worth to, and work for the good of our Society of the Late Col. O. P. Patten.

While he was not a native of this county, nor even a native of Canada, he never failed to do his best from the inception of the work of this Society to the time of his death.

He was present at our last annual meeting, we desire to convey to the members of his family our warmest sympathy for them in their bereavement and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his daughter, Miss Patten and his nephew Mr. Francis B. Patten of Boston, Mass.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: — President Mr. H. Sewell Foster, Secretary-Treasurer Rev. E. M. Taylor, President of Woman's Committee Mrs. S. W. Foster, Vice-President, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Secretary Mrs. R. N. England.

Honorary Presidents: Hon. Mr. Justice Lynch, Judge Foster, Mr. Lester Ball. Auditor, Mr. M. H. Bedee.

Permanent members of the Executive: The Rector of St. Paul's Knowlton, and Mr. T. K. Foster.

Elective members: Messrs. James C. Pettes, R. N. England, Ernest Fleury, H. Sewell Foster, A. W. Pettes, Daniel Giddings, Aylmer Place, L. D. Phelps, D. A. Manson, E. A. Dyer, Doctor MacDonald, H. A. Lawrence.

Several persons paid their membership fees. Among them was Aylmer Place who sent to Judge Lynch a letter of regret at inability to be present. He sent in enough money to pay all his back membership fees, namely, five dollars.

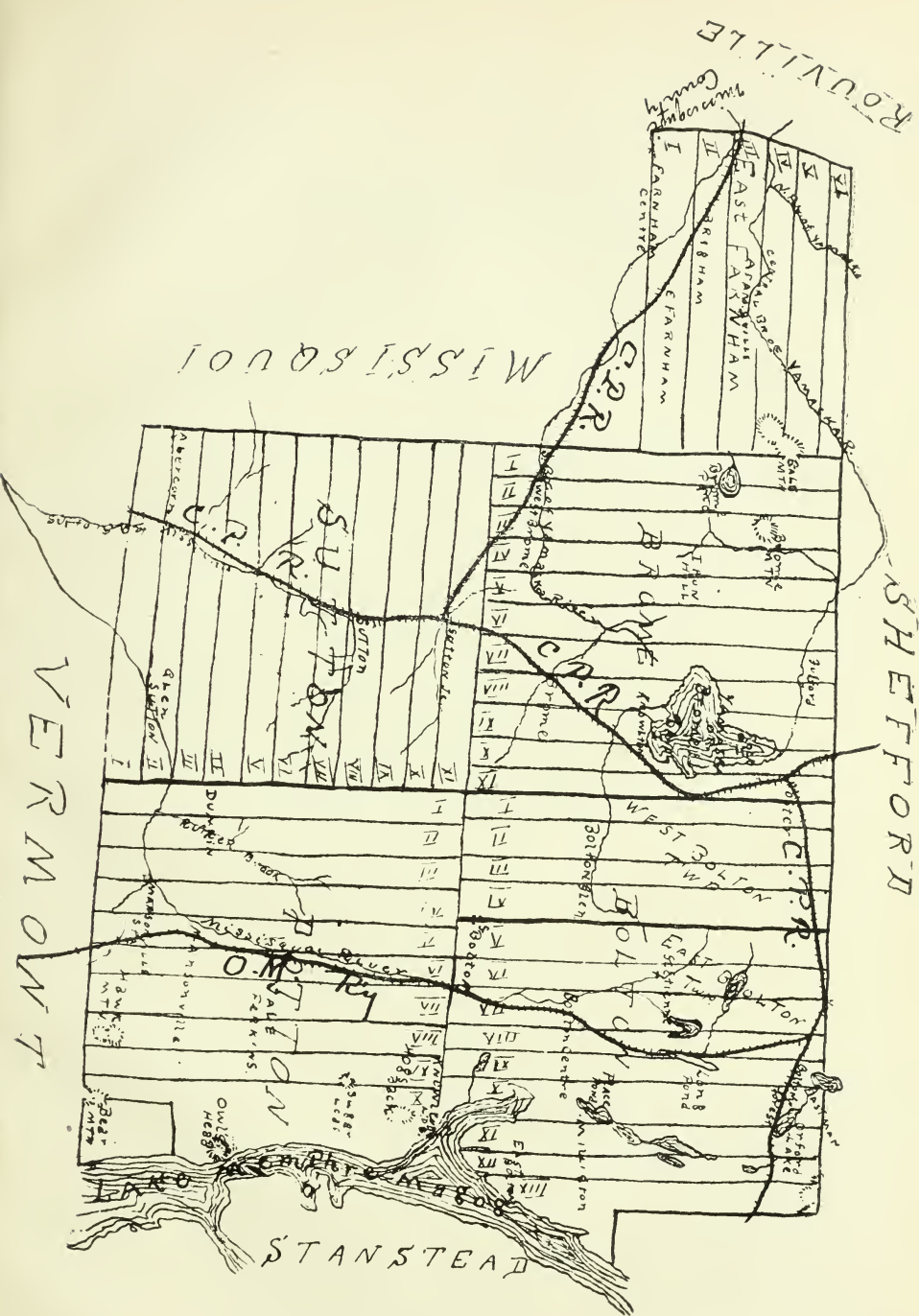
The following paid membership fees for the ensuing year: Mr. F. A. Knowlton, Judge Foster, Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mr. M. H. Bedee, Mrs. C. Bancroft, H. S. Foster, Esq., Mr. H. C. Knowlton, Mrs. Judge Hemming, Mr. Walter Lynch,

Mr. E. Fleury, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, Judge McCorkill, Mr. W. F. Vilas, Mr. J. M. O'Holloran and Rev. Dr. Rexford.

It is expected that several meetings will be held in different parts of the County during the coming winter. The meeting adjourned.

ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
Secretary-Treasurer.





Map of Brome County.

Catalogue of Books.

- 1.—The Kneeland Genealogy. Donor the Author S. F. Kneeland, Judge Advocate General of New York.
- 2.—Campbell's Political Survey of Great Britain. Vol. 1.
- 3.—Campbell's Political Survey of Great Britain. Vol. II.
- 4.—Plan et division de l'ouvrage.
- 5.—Traites des Prescriptions, 2, 3, 4, 5, Donated by W. S. Ball.
- 6.—Report of Superintendent of Insurance, Dom. of Canada, 1889.
- 7.—Report of Superintendent of Insurance, Dom. of Canada, 1895.
- 8.—Statutes of Canada, 1859.
- 9.—Statutes of Canada, 1860.
- 10.—Statutes of Canada, 1861.
- 11.—Statutes of Canada, 1862.
- 12.—Statutes of Canada, 1863.
- 13.—Statutes of Canada, 1864.
- 14.—Statutes of Quebec, 1890.
- 15.—Statutes of Quebec, 1890.
- 16.—Criminal Laws of Canada 1869-1881.
- 17.—Statutes of Canada 47 Victoria, 1884.
- 18.—Board of Health Report, Ontario 1882.
- 19.—De Oratore-Works of Cicero. From 6 to 19, Donor, Rev. E. M. Taylor.
- 20.—Nothing but names, by Gardiner. Donor Hon, G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario.
- 21.—Richmond's Legal form and Law manual. Donor E. M. Taylor
- 22.—Hodson's Tutor I. Donor Rev. E. M. Taylor.
- 23.—Les Provinciales ou lettres écrites par Louis de Montalte. In 4 languages, 1684 A. D. Donor John Holder, Iberville, Qué.
- 24.—Laws of New York Vol. 1.
- 25.—Laws of New York, Vol. III.
- 26.—Laws of New York, Vol. IV.
Presented by Frederick Primmerman.
- 27.—Wesley's Hymns. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler M. A.
- 28.—Lives of British Admirals 1781. Donor, Rev. E. M. Taylor.
- 29.—Bradbury on Godliness 1795. Vol. I. Donor J. W. Jackman.
- 30.—Bradbury on Godliness 1795. Vol. II. Donor J. W. Jackman.
- 31.—History of Methodism in Canada Vol. I. Presented by Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 32.—A correct map of the seat of war in Lower Canada, 1812, by Amos Lay, Land Surveyor. Donor, John Holder, Iberville.

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- 113.—Journal of Christopher Dunkin from April 19th 1819 to Dec. 13th 1819.
- 114.—Journal of Christopher Dunkin from Jan. 24th 1819 to June 11th 1819.
- 115.—Journal of Christopher Dunkin from Jan. 29th to May 3rd 1824.
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- 117.—"Consolations on the death of Christian Friends."
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at Province Hill. Presented by his granddaughter,
Mrs. U. A. Darling.
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Willard. Donor, Geo. Willard.
- 128.—Ledger of Samuel Willard, New Fane Vt. 1787. Donor,
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N. B.—This David Taylor was born in Peacham, Vt. August 22, 1794, and came to Canada in his youth. He was married about the year 1818 to Nancy Runnels and lived at different places in Bolton and Potton. i. e. South Bolton, Ezra Ball's farm. Potton Springs and on the farm now owned by Albert Little.

He afterwards moved to Vermont where he spent the remainder of his life and died on Jan. 29, 1871 near Newport Centre Vt.

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- 314.—Holy Bible. 1817 — belonged formerly to the Larabee family.
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- 329.—Seventh Report of Geographic Board of Canada 1908.
- 330.—Eighth Report of Geographical Board of Canada 1909.
- 331.—Journal of the Yukon 1847-48.
- 332.—Journal of Larocque 1805.
- 333.—Reports of Birth, Deaths and Marriages in Ontario **for**
the year ending Dec. 31st 1906.
- 334.—Bush fruits April 1907.
- 335.—Results obtained in 1907 from Dominion Experimental farm.
- 336.—Results obtained in 1909 from Dominion Experimental farm.
- 337.—Corn for Ensilage. 1910.
From the Department of Agriculture.
- 338.—One Hundred and Fifth report of the Bible Society 1909.
- 339.—Annuaire du Canada 1905.
- 340.— " " " 1906.
- 341.— " " " 1907.
- 342.—Canada Year Book, 1907.
From the Department of Agriculture.
- 343.—Records of the Brome Library Association which existed
from 1858 to 1863.
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CATALOGUE OF THE ARTICLES CONTAINED IN THE BROME COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

- 1.—A Stone axe found by Judge Lynch on his grounds and
by him donated.
- 2.—A fragment of an Indian War Club of stone. This was
ploughed up on the land of the Hon. Judge Lynch, on
the shore of Brome Lake, where other evidences of
an Indian encampment abound.
- 3.—A Tin Lantern once used by the late Thomas Lynch Esq.,
father of Judge Lynch by whom it was donated.
- 4.—An Ancient Buttress used by Daniel Taylor I. one of the
Associates with Nicholas Austin I., to whom the
Township of Bolton was granted. Donor Rev. E. M.
Taylor.

- 5.—The Dressing Case of Brigadier-general Roswell Olcott, containing
 - (a) His B. A. Degree from Dartmouth College bearing date of 1789.
 - (b) His General's Commission bearing date of 1802.
 - (c) A letter from Col. P. H. Knowlton.
Donors, the Misses Whitwell, grand-daughters of General Olcott.
- 6.—Pewter Drinking Cup which belonged to General Olcott.
- 7.—Pewter Tray which belonged to General Olcott.
- 8.—An Indian implement, war club, of stone, found in Bleadfort, Vt. some distance from the town of Burlington, Vt. about the year 1848. It was found fifteen feet beneath the surface by white men digging in a field for hidden treasure. The late David Perkins gave it to his son Levi A. Perkins, Collector of the Internal Revenue, District of Bedford, and by him donated to the B. C. H. Society, October 6th 1901.
- 9.—A Freestone Inkstand with four compartments. It belonged to Mark Randall one of the Associates of Nicholas Austin I. He wrote the agreements and deeds for the early settlers and also practiced as a root and herb doctor.
- 10.—Powder horn made from a horn which grew on one of the white faced oxen brought through the forest into the Township of Bolton and helped bring the goods of the Randall's. This ox died before 1800.
- 11.—A Tapping gouge of iron.
- 12.—Threshing machine made by hand about the year 1790 for Mr. Primmerman who fought at battle of Bennington Vt., on side of King George 3rd in war of the Revolution. It is the only one of its kind now known. It was donated by his grandson, late Fred Primmerman who died in 1906 aged 88 years.
- 13.—Half-bushel measure, was made in 1780, and in 1840 purchased by Abner Bedee, contributed by East Farnham representatives in 1899.
- 14.—Four bullets, 6 gun flints, 4 Indian arrowheads, 6 military buttons which were picked up on Isle aux Nois, and were presented by Major W. Mead Pattison, of Clarenceville, August 8th, 1901.
- 15.—One glass-covered case, donated by R. N. England, Esq.
- 16.—One boxwood fishing reel, whittled with a common penknife by J. Keough, in 1815. Donated by Miss E. Jaques.
- 17.—One Confederate two dollar bill. Donor Rev. D. Brill.
- 18.—Two neck-yokes, ironed by Col. Clark Hall, before 1830, Presented by his grandson, Eli W. Higgins.
- 19.—A portion of a brace from a barn built on Aylmer Place's farm, Millington, East Bolton, in 1798. Donor Aylmer Place.

- 20.—A piece of timber from a beam which was in the first framed house built in the Township of Brome. House built by Jacob Ball, at Brome Corner, in 1803 or 1804 on the site where stands the present house of Col. O. P. Patten on lot 7 of the 7th range of Brome. The present house was built by the late Edmund Chandler. The original house had a huge chimney in the center of the house, and had three large stone fireplaces in it. Mr. Chandler took this house down and sold the frame to Ezra Capron, who made a barn shed out of the timber. Mr. Capron sold to Lester Ball, grandson of Jacob Ball. Mr. Lester Ball sold to Ransom Patch, who split this piece out and gave it to Rev. E. M. Taylor in the presence of Lester Ball, Aug. 3rd, 1900.
- 21.—A Square which belonged to Col. Ruiter. Donor E. C. Barnett
- 22.—Scales for weighing gold coins. They belonged to an ancestor of John Holder of Iberville, and were brought by his father to Canada in the year 1831. Donor Mr. John Holder, Iberville.
- 23.—The base of the original Gâle monument.
- 24.—Plaster of Paris cast of Hail Stones, which fell here in the year 1899. Made by Mr. Bedee and Dr. Cleveland.
- 25.—Letter bearing signature of President Roosevelt.
- 26.—A gourd to hold liquids etc.
- 27.—A bayonet used in the war of 1813.
- 28.—A sword which belonged to Col. P. H. Knowlton.
- 29.—Flax Brake made by Levi Brimmer of East Farnham, about the year 1840. Presented by his son, John Brimmer.
- 30.—This clock was purchased by the father of Jesse Benham of Iron Hill. The price being a yoke of oxen, valued at sixty-five dollars. Bears date of 1833.
- 31.—Sun dial bearing date of 1762. It belonged to the family of Major Willard. Presented by Geo. Willard per Judge Foster.
- 32.—Pewter plate of which Mrs. Sarah Knowlton Foster, widow of the late Hiram Foster, writes: —
“This pewter plate which I give to the Brome County Historical Society, belonged to my great-grandmother Sarah Holland who married my great-grandfather, the Honorable Luke Knowlton, at Shrewsbury, Mass., 1760. and with eleven others (making twelve) were given by her to my grandmother, Sarah Holbrook of New Fane, Vt., and wife of Silas Knowlton, and they brought them with other household possessions to the township of Stukely in 1796.” Mrs. Sarah Knowlton Foster was born in 1822.
- 33.—A pair of tongs used in the fireplace of Nathan Taylor of South Bolton. It is supposed that he made them, as he was a blacksmith and made all the nails used in the construction of his house, now owned by Mr. W. Needham, of South Bolton. Donor, Rev. E. M. Taylor, Grandson of the above.

- 34.—A loom and all the apparatus for making cloth, owned by the wife of Col. Clark Hall, of East Farnham, and made about the year 1800, given by her grand-daughter, Mrs. Eliza H. Caswell.
- 35.—A shovel, once used in the oldest Methodist Church in the Province of Quebec, erected 1819. Still in use. Donor Mrs. (Rev. G. H. Porter).
- 36.—A parcel of nails which were made in Knowlton for Col. P. H. Knowlton and used in the construction of the first store ever opened in Knowlton. The nails were made by a man of the name of Jacob Cobb. He was sent out as a nail maker from Britain through Mr. Allison, then Emigrant Agent in Canada.
- This store was taken down by Israel England and Sons, in 1900 and these nails given by them to the Historical Society. The nail maker lived here for several years and then went to Upper Canada.
- 37.—A leather-covered trunk which belonged to the grandmother of Mrs. J. S. Baker, of Dunham, Mrs. John Rickerdt, a U. E. Loyalist, and brought by her to Missisquoi County in 1794. Donor, Mrs. J. S. Baker.
- 38.—A flax wheel, which belonged to the mother of Mrs Jesse Benham, of Brome. It was in use before 1840. Donor, Jesse Benham.
- 39.—A hand fan for cleaning grain. It belonged to the late Hiram S. Foster, Registrar of Brome County, and was in 1899, given by his widow to the Brome County Historical Society.
- 40.—A china plate, in the possession of the Hall Family, of East Farnham for more than 100 years and given in 1899, by Mrs. Eliza Higgins Caswell to the Brome County Historical Society.
- 41.—A box of wafers for sealing letters. Donor, Miss Edith Jaques, Cowansville.
- 42.—Many valuable documents of Samuel Gale, of the 18th and 19th centuries. Donor, Mrs. M. S. Hawley.
- 43.—Some documents of early settlements. Donor William K. Knowlton, of South Stukely.
- 44.—A stone tablet, or family record, of Darius and Mary Ball, 1790 and 1794. Donor, Lester Ball.
- 45.—A rocking chair which belonged to a sister of the late Hon. P. H. Moore, of St. Armand. The present bottom was put in by the late Courad Primmerman, who was baptized 1790. Chair made before 1800. Donor Frederick Primmerman.
- 46.—A large glass covered case. Donor, Jeremiah C. Pettes.
- 47.—A large coffee mill, brought into Bolton by Nicholas Austin 1st leader of the Associates, to whom the Government several years after the first settlement, issued letters patent. The patent bears the date of 1797. This mill was operated by a small water wheel, on a brook running near Mr. Austin's barn. A bag of grain was suspended above it, and the mill ran night and day, and would grind eight bushels of grain in twenty-four hours. This mill sufficed for the early settlers

for many a year. They would bring the corn to be ground on ox teams and stop over night with Mr. Austin and the corn would be ground through the the night, and they would return then with the meal for their families. Donor, Mr. Harvey Austin, grandson of the leader.

48.—Melodeon, which was the first brought in to the village of Dunham. It was first purchased by Mr. Smith, a tailor in the village. It was afterwards purchased by Joseph Baker whose son Henry played it at Divine service in All Saints Church, Dunham. This was the first wind instrument used in church services in the village of Dunham. It continued to be used until the pipe organ now in use was presented by William Baker, Esq. He was in the early days teacher of the Dunham government school, and member of Parliament for Missisquoi, in 1835. Donor, Mrs. E. L. Watson.

49.—A straw bee-hive, brought from England, by Col. P. H. Knowlton. Donor, William S. Knowlton.

50.—An iron hay fork. Donor, Frederick Primmerman.

51.—A wooden hay fork. Donor, Frederick Primmerman.

52.—A pair of pincers. Donor, Frederick Primmerman.

53.—An iron neck yoke, the first ever owned by Lester Ball. By him presented.

54.—A bayonet found on the banks of the Tomifobia river, in Stanstead, in the year 1800. It was found on lot No. 10 the 7th. range of Stanstead, by James Bodwell, near what is now known as Smith's Mills. It is believed to have belonged to one of Rodger's Rangers, on the return march from the St. Francois River where he met with defeat from the Indians.

The retreating party divided, some going through by Barford, by the Coldbrook route the others coming through Stanstead, up the Tomifobia. This bayonet was left with John Gustin, who settled in 1800, on the farm in Stanstead, where his grandson, Eliphalet Bodwell Gustin, now in April, 1902, resides.

For more than one hundred years there has been no night in which a Gustin has not slept on this farm. This James Bodwell built the first mill ever erected at the place called Smith's Mills. James Gustin was a surveyor as was his son Elisha, and the present proprietor, Eliphalet B. Gustin.

55.—A pair of tongs, made by Joseph Eldridge, in 1812 or 1813, from Brome iron. Eldridge's shop stood on the lot of ground afterwards occupied by the store of the late H. R. Williams at Brome. They are the gift of Lester Ball, who says that the coal used came from the Westover lot, in North Sutton, but soon gave out.

56.—Flax knife or swingle, used by Mortimer Ring, of East Farnham. Donor, Eli. W. Higgins.

57.—A stove shave or cleaver, used by Benajah Woodbury, of Potton. Sons of his grandchildren are residing at Potton.

He was a cooper, and this was used in making barrels

- for potash. For the early settlers the usual means of getting cash was through the manufacture and sale of potash. Donor, George Bullard of Knowlton.
- 58.—A ship carpenter's saw, it belonged to the great grandfather of the late Ezra Capron. Capron settled in the early part of the 19th. century on farm lot No. 3, in the 6th. range of Brome. Farm now owned by R. Patch. Donor, Lester Ball.
- 59.—Two horse pistols, used in rebellion of 1837. Donor, S. W. Foster, Knowlton.
- 60.—Wooden figure of a Highlander. This was a figure-head of a steamer owned by G. E. Jacques and Co., and was called the "Highlander". It plied the great lakes about 1850. Donor, Miss Jaques, Cowansville.
- 61.—A cane made by the late Captain Isaiah Sweet, one of Brome's earliest settlers. The wood he brought from Missisquoi Bay when he was young. The bone part was from the leg of a much prized three-year old colt which he lost by accident. Cane given to his adopted son Silas Bresee. Donor, Nelson Bresee.
- 62.—A cane cut from the grounds of the late President Madison, of Virginia, by Rev. E. M. Taylor, in September 1875. The Madison family settled on that farm in 1720. The property no longer belongs to a representative of the family.
- 63.—A sample of crochet work done in Sept., 1898, by Nancy Hawley. Born April 23rd., 1806. Also her photograph given by herself, April 1906. (Compare with No. 231).
- 64.—Two brass candlesticks, which once belonged to General Olcott Donors, the Misses. Whitwell, of Philipsburg.
- 65.—Cane made by Frederick England, when over eighty-five years of age.
- 66.—Candle snuffers of Frederick England father of Israel England of Knowlton
- 67.—Snuffbox, which belonged to the great-grandfather of Frederick England, of Knowlton. Donor of 65, 66, 67 and 68 Mrs. F. England.
- 68.—An instrument for cutting thistles out of grain. W. P. England says that he used it through many a weary day.
- 69.—Two pairs of ancient snuffers and tray, presented by Mrs. John Holder, of Iberville.
- 70.—Specimen of pen work done by Wm. A. Dinsmoor, in 1845, at Sweetsburgh. Donor, Mrs. Ida M. Miltimore.
- 71.—A letter to Mrs. Chas. Kathan from W. A. Dinsmore, 1844. Donor, Mrs. Ida M. Miltimore.
- 72.—A copy of the Township Reformer, May 2, 1835. Elkanah Phelps, Esq., editor. Donor, Mrs. L. M. Miltimore.
- 73.—A hand made butter stamp. Donor, Mrs. I. M. Miltimore.
- 74.—A copy of the "Missiskoui Post" published in Stanbridge, Aug. 17th., 1836. Publisher H. J. Thomas, Donor, Mrs. I. M. Miltimore.
- 75.—Two copies of "Brome County Register", Chas. A. Macfarlane, editor. Printed and published at Knowlton. Date, March 26 and April 16, 1880. Donor, Mrs. S. W. Foster.

- 76.—Hon. Christopher Dunkin's Signature. Donor, Mrs. S. W. Foster.
- 77.—Original subscription list to establish a paper in Knowlton, which resulted in the starting of the "Advertiser",
Also the prospectus of the "Advertiser", signed by P. H. Knowlton, H. S. Foster and L. S. Huntington, Knowlton, Dec. 1, 1855. Donor, Thomas Knowlton. The names of the subscribers to the fund for meeting the expenses of the first year are: — P. H. Knowlton, H. S. Foster, Erastus Mills, J. T. Reid, Simon Blinn, R. Lindsay, I. and G. England, James Ball, A. Kimball, Wm. H. Stone, Ira Davis, J. C. and N. Pettes, and David McLaughlin.
- 78.—A certificate of loyalty, of Samuel Gale, from J. T. Kempe, late Attorney-General of New-York, May, 9th, 1787. Donor, Miss Anna Arlene Hawley.
- 79.—A Spinning Wheel presented by L. L. McClarty of Sutton.
- 80.—Several tickets to Banquets and one on the opening of the South Eastern Railway, July 9th 1873. Donor Mrs. S. W. Foster.
- 81.—A deed of the school property at South Bolton, date 1825. Donor, H. S. Greene.
- 82.—In the archives of the Society are some Quarterly tickets issued to Anna Brill. They were tickets, of membership in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, date 1834, of the Shefford Circuit. Donor, W. K. Knowlton, of Stukely.
- 83.—The first copy of the deed of the Jewell burying ground to Philip W. Taber, Curtis P. Taber, and Chas. H. Boright. Donor, M. O. Hart, N.P., Cowansville.
- 84.—A lecture by J. P. Noyes, Esq. Prothonotary, Sweetsburgh.
- 85.—A piece of flint such as was used by Indians, for trimming softer pieces of stone. Brought from the West shore of the Mississippi River in 1897 by W. Taber. Donor, Mrs. E. H. Caswell.
- 86.—A flax wheel used by the mother of Mrs. E. L. Watson, of Dunham. Donor, Mrs. E. L. Watson.
- 97.—A free stone inkstand, hand carved. Presented by Mrs. M. E. Townsend, Bolton.
- 98.—A paper knife made in China, motto "All men one family". Presented by Rev. W. Boshart.
- 89.—A bayonet taken from a Fenian who endeavored to break into the house of Mr. Nelson Vincent of St. Armand Centre.
The Fenian was pursued, by Mr. Vincent and in his flight this bayonet was dropped to the ground. Donor Mr Prescott Vincent, son of the above N. Vincent.
- 90.—A piece of the old log fort at Philipsburg, Que. taken Oct. 16th 1894 in company of the Rev. A. E. Suckling, at the time of the Convention of the Missisquoi Co., SS., Association, by Rev. E. M. Taylor, by whom it was given to the Bromie County Historical Society.
- 91.—Old powder horn which belonged to the Willard Family.

- 92.—This whip was made by natives in Jamaica. It is all one piece of wood. Brought and presented by Geo. Houldsworth, South Bolton, Que.
- 93.—These irons were used in the construction of the oldest house in Three Rivers, said to date back before the conquest. Donor, Rev. R. Robinson.
- 94.—This is the vessel from which Miss Knowlton's favourite horses fed at Darley Place, Derbyshire, England.
It was brought over by Col. P. H. Knowlton.
- 95.—Cannon ball ploughed up near Fulford, P. Que. about 1840. Presented by Judge S. W. Foster.
- 96.—A hetchel for dressing flax which belonged to Gédéon Bull one of the early settlers of East Farnhom. He died in March 1850, at the age of 96 yrs. 4 mos.
Donor, His great grand son, M. H. Bedee.
- 97.—A hetchel which belonged to Mrs. N. M. Blinn of Stanbridge. Donor, Charles Blinn, Sen.
- 98.—An ancient bonnet. Presented by Charles Blinn, Sen.
- 99.—Wool cards used by the mother of Jesse Benham Esq. Brome. Presented by Jesse Benham.
- 100.—Wheel head. Presented by Charles Blinn, Sen. Stanbridge East Qué,
- 101.—Old neckyoke which belonged to the Hastings family, Brome. Presented by Edwin Hastings, Esq.
- 102.—Wooden and iron plough used by the Primmerman family for cultivating land in St. Armand, Qué. Presented by Mr. F. Primmerman.
- 103.—Snow shoes made by Cassius Hastings. Presented by Edwin Hastings, Brome, Que.
- 104.—Pill making machine used many years ago by the early Physicians of Granby. Presented by Mr. John Davies, West Shefford, P. Que.
- 105.—Bayonet and cartridge box in use in the Rebellion of 1837. Presented by Van Pickel, Sweetsburgh, Que.
- 106.—Ancient brace or bitstock for boring, made of wood and used by the Rosenberger family who were loyalists and settled in St. Armand about 1785. Presented by Mr. Daniel Rosenberger.
- 107.—A sword which is supposed to have belonged to some Officer in the American Revolution. Presented by Dr. E. A. Cleveland.
- 108.—A piece of hardware taken in exchange by Israel England when he first began the manufacture of string or lace leather in the village of Knowlton.
- 109.—A box which contained the first goods ever brought in to the village of Knowlton for purpose of trade by Col. P. H. Knowlton. Donor, Thos. A. Knowlton.
- 110.—An old English pistol brought over from England. Presented by Harold E. J. Taylor.
- 111.—A hammer ploughed up by E. J. Patch. Found on the 10th. Range, lot No. 21 East Bolton Cad. 1308.
It is more than probable that it was made by the Associate Daniel Taylor 1st who was the earliest blacksmith in Bolton. Donor, E. J. Patch.

- 112.—A freestone inkstand known to have been in use by the Kelly family of Potton, as early as 1825.
Presented by Urban A. Darling.
- 113.—A hair covered trunk which belonged to Charles Hand who settled at about the time of the Rebellion at Vale Perkins, where he died. He previously lived at Province Hill and owned a saw mill on the creek in 1826. Donor, his grand daughter, Mrs. U. A. Darling.
- 114.—Chair and writing desk made by hand by Mr. Samuel Lawrence about the year 1800.
- 115.—The camp table of Col. Henry Ruiter which he used throughout the Revolutionary War and brought with him to Potton where the first four ranges of lots were granted to him. This table was used by his daughter until she had reached the full age of one hundred years. Her name was Catherine, widow of David Heath of Potton. Born 1784. She died 1884 at the home of Edgar C. Barnet. She took care of him in his childhood and also of his father in childhood. She retained her faculties until the last and until one month of her death would not eat on any other table. Presented by Edgar C. Barnet.
- 116.—A Japanese razor brought from Japan by Henry C. Knowlton in 1903. Donor, George Bullard, Knowlton.
- 117.—Crane from the fire place of Mr. Skinner one of the first settlers in South Potton. Presented by Mr. Murphy.
- 118.—Andirons from the fire place of Moses Elkins I said to be the first man who with his family wintered in the Township of Potton. Presented by Horace G. Elkins.
- 119.—A gridiron for roasting meat on the embers in use by Moses Elkins, Ist of Potton.
- 120.—Stone axe ploughed up by Mark Tisdale on the land on the south branch of the Missisquoi river, one of the original first settlements of Moses Elkins Ist. Presented by Mr. Tisdale.
- 121.—Spear head of stone found by Edgar C. Barnet on his farm near the forks of the Missisquoi River in Potton. Presented by Edgar C. Barnet.
- 122.—Metal implement, supposed to have been on the end of a pole bearing a Military Banner. Ploughed up on the farm now owned by Edgar C. Barnet and by him presented B. C. H. Society.
- 123.—Stone hatchet found near the little inlet of Brome Lake in the Pine grove on the hill by Miss A. Ogilvy's Cottage. Donor, Miss A. Ogilvy, now Mrs Major Hogan.
- 124.—An iron stamp of a Grain and Provision Merchant of St. John's Que. Donor, Rev. R. Robinson.
- 125.—A tailor's candle stick brought from England in 1843, by Henry Jersey, tailor. Presented by Mrs. F. N. Jersey, South Bolton.
- 126.—Bayonet secured at the time of the Fenian Raid near Eccles Hill by Almon Stanhops and by him presented to the B. C. Society.

- 127.—A horn used as a dinner horn by the Avery family which family was one of the settlers in Stukely and was by them brought from Brattleboro' Vt. Presented by Mr. W. J. Whitney, a descendant of the early settler Wm. Avery.
- 128.—A large chisel found on the Moses Elkins farm in Potton and presented by M. Tisdale
- 129.—An iron kettle which once did duty in the stone fire place of Moses Elkins of Potton. Presented by Horace Elkins.
- 130.—A tea kettle which was brought into Potton by Col. Henry Ruiter and was used by the family until 1886. Presented by E. C. Barnet, Great grand son of Col. Ruiter.
- 131.—Warning pan brought from Darley Place, Derbyshire, England in 1845 by Hon. P. H. Knowlton. Presented by Mrs. H. S. Foster.
- 132.—Grape sugar, a vegetable product, used in tanning leather. Donor, F. England Esq.
- 133.—A parcel of legal documents, wills etc. presented by E. Fleury N. P.
They are as follows: —
 - 1.—Contrat de mariage entre Louis Lanctot et Elizabeth Cardinal 1806.
 - 2.—Quit claim from Lemuel Fuller to P. H. Knowlton 1836.
 - 3.—Last will and solemn Testament of Moses Westover July 22nd. 1809.
 - 4.—Contrat de mariage de Louis Albert Lefebvre et Marie Joseph Privot 1823.
 - 5.—Deed from J. Bates to Dorinda Ball widow of Stephen Westover 1831.
 - 6.—Succession of the late Stephen Westover. Inventory March 1827.
 - 7.—Court of Kings Bench Authorization to exchange lands Sept. 1827.
 - 8.—Deed of sale by Stephen Westover Atty. for Moses Westover to Joseph Bates Dec. 1825.
 - 9.—Donation from John Turtle to Enoch Coffin French 1823.
- 134.—Indian bracelets from an Indian Chief of Kansas and given to Mrs. C. P. Taber in 1868 by Mrs. Herman Meigs of Arkansas City, Kansas. Presented to the B. C. H. Museum by Mrs. C. P. Taber March 2nd 1904.
- 135.—A China tea pot brought into St. Armand by the Throop family. They came from England to Conn. in the reign of Charles II. From Conn. they came to Canada. Presented by Mrs. Caroline E. Throop, St. Armand.
- 136.—Flax given by Mrs. Henry Knowlton. It once belonged to Mrs. Asa Blunt, an old Aunt of Mr. Henry Knowlton.
- 137.—A piece of a web of linen cloth which was spun and woven by Philadelphia Knowles before she was married. Philadelphia Knowles was born Aug. 17th 1788 and was married to Aaron Bull Oct. 5th 1814. She died April

- 3rd 1856. The cloth has been kept by her daughter Hannah B. Goddard, who in March 1904 was 85 years old. Presented by Mrs. M. H. Bedee, Knowlton, Que.
- 138.—Powder can which once belonged to Col. Henry Ruiter and was used by his daughter Mrs. Heath as a can to hold her tea. Presented by E. C. Barnet.
- 139.—Plough point of a wooden plough found on the McClary Place near Grass Pond in Bolton and presented by Homer Thomas of Bolton Center.
- 140.—Ox shoe. Presented by E. W. Bullard Knowlton.
- 141.—Relics from the battle field of Waterloo.
Presented to the Brome Hist. Soc'y by the widow of Col. A. B. Foster.
- 142.—Single neck yoke used for a horse to work with a pole. It belonged to Joseph Tibbits. Donor, Mark Tibbits, Tibbits Hill near Knowlton.
- 143.—Pawed Auger brought in the Country by Joseph Tibbits who settled in Brome in 1802 with 5 brothers who all settled in the vicinity. Hence the name Tibbits Hill. His family came from Mass. to Vermont and from there to Brome. Donor, Mark Tibbits.
- 144.—Hammer made to order of Ebenezer Chamberlin about 1810 in Brome presumably by Joseph Eldridge who was the first blacksmith at or near Brome Corner. Presented by Mr. Lester Ball.
- 145.—Cup and Saucer which belonged to the first housekeeping outfit of Mrs. Russell Cleveland in 1847.
Donor Alden Homer Sweet, Brome Center.
- 146.—A piece of the first rail laid on the South Eastern Railway
Donor, Mrs. Col. A. B. Foster.
- 147.—A piece of the first Atlantic Cable. Donor, Mrs. Col. A. B. Foster.
- 148.—The first spike driven in the South Eastern Railway.
Donor, Mrs. Col. A. B. Foster.
- 149.—Pieces of armor picked up on the field of the Battle of Waterloo and purchased in England many years ago by the late Col. A. B. Foster. Donor, Mrs. Col. A. B. Foster.
- 150.—A leather portfolio which belonged to the late Samuel Willard. It contains some of his papers arranged in alphabetical order also his quill pens.
Presented by George Willard, Per Judge Foster.
- 151.—A Moose Head killed in the North West in 1879 A. D. It was shot by Indians on Broken Head River 25 miles from Winnipeg. Presented by Robert Patterson of Winnipeg, formerly of Knowlton. He in his early life began as a bricklayer and stone mason and worked in the construction of the old Academy for Col. P. H. Knowlton, which building is now the Museum of the Brome County Historical Society.
- 152.—Oil Painting of Rev. J. H. Fowler M. A. made by a young boy who died soon after. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 152—170—All portraits are up-stairs.
- 153.—Wesleyan Ministers of the Canada Conference 1869 A. D.
Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.

- 154.—Portraits of Sutton People. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 155.—Methodist New Connexion Conference 1871 A. D. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 156.—Portraits of Sutton People. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 157.—General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada. 1878 A. D. Donor, Rev. J. H. Fowler.
- 158.—Portrait in oils of Mrs. Dr. Barber,, mother of late Judge Dunkin.
- 159.—Portrait of Miss Barber, Philanthropist, of Montreal.
- 160.—Portrait in oil of Dr. Barber, Prof. of Harvard University, afterwards teacher of Elocution in McGill Normal, Montreal.
- 161.—A pen and ink sketch of the old "Block House" Philipsburg 1837-1897. Donor Dr. G. McAleer.
- 162.—Portrait of the late A. B. Foster. Donor, Mrs. Col. A. B. Foster, Cowansville.
- 163.—Portrait in oils of the late Col. A. B. Foster which was "Presented to the Hon. A. B. Foster, Lessee of the Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railway by the Employees, Shefford March 5th 1863". Donor, Mrs. A. B. Foster.
- 164.—Knowlton Family, Children of Judge Luke Knowlton.
- 165.—Key to the Knowlton Family, Donor, Judge Lynch.
- 166.—A picture of the first Steam Railroad Passenger Train in America, with names of the passengers. Date 1831. Donor, Mrs. A. B. Foster.
- 167.—A picture of scenes in Sumatra. This picture belonged to Henry Lyman Missionary who was murdered in Sumatra in 1834. It is painted on glass. Donor, Mrs. Enoch Frost, of Montreal.
- 168.—Portrait of Dr. Sewell Foster, father of the late Col. A. B. Hiram, and Samuel W. Foster and others. Donor Judge Foster.
- 169.—Portraits of Lord Strathcona and Mount Stephen.
- 170.—Portraits of Ministers at General Conference.
- 171.—Spunk for lighting fires when Flint was used.
- 172.—Mahogany Pod with beans brought from South Africa by Lieut. Thomas Brown, and by him presented to the B. C. H. Society, 1905.
- 173.—Manuscript of the address of J. P. Noyes Esq. on Knowlton's first Newspaper. Address delivered in Pettes Memorial Hall 1905 Presented by Mr. J. P. Noyes, Prothonotary, Sweetsburgh.
- 174.—A peculiar stone found on the shore of Lake Memphremagog and presented by Mr. Juby.
- 175.—A musket-flint lock. Presented by Mr. G. W. Traver, Mansonville.
- 176.—A Cooper's Shave once used by Jacob Traver, Potton. Presented by his son Orrin Traver.
- 177.—A Cooper's Croze which belonged to Jacob Traver presented by Orrin Traver.
- 178.—A Cooper's Plane, made and used by Jacob Traver who was born 1799 in New York State, donor O. Traver.

- 179.—A Cooper's Axe which belonged to Jacob Traver. Presented by Orrin Traver.
- 180.—A Slick for trimming tenons in framing buildings. Owned by Jacob Traver. Donor, Orrin Traver.
- 181.—Hand-made shuttle, made by Jacob Traver. Donor Orrin Traver.
- 182.—Spool used in cloth making, made by J. Traver.
- 183.—Tooth found on the farm of the Late N. Dingman, in Potton in 1880, A. D. Donor, Mrs. N. Dingman.
- 184.—Tomahawk found near Holland Mountain on the Gus, Young place by Alvin Johnson, son of the late Dean Johnson, and presented to the B. C. H. M. by Mrs. N. Dingman.
- 184.—The handle was put in by the late N. Dingman and was taken from a stick brought into Canada from New Hampshire many years ago as a cane by a cripple of the name of Silas Allen who lived on the farm next to Mr. Dingman.
Allen died where he had long lived, on the Chauncey Woodbury farm, about the year 1870.
- 185.—A sap pail used and made by Jacob Traver. Donor Orrin Traver.
- 186.—Egg of the Murr, from Labrador. Donor, J. M. Nelson, Montreal.
- 187.—Eye glasses dredged from the bottom of Montreal Harbor. Lettering on rim reads — "Feine Christian Gulden Brilu."
Donor, J. M. Nelson, Montreal.
- 188.—Wrought iron from Old Hudson Bay Fort Vaudreuil, Q. Presented by J. M. Nelson, Montreal.
- 189.—Petrified Shell from the Gatineau River.
Presented by J. M. Nelson, Montreal.
- 190.—This fluting iron was used by Mr. St-Martin's great grand mother. He thinks it is at least 125 years old. The inside iron was heated red hot in the fire place and then put into the main iron around which lace ruffles and other like things were ironed. It is said to have sometimes been called the "Sad Iron" Presented by Angus St. Martin, Knowlton's Landing.
- 191.—This came from the old Capt. Coolidge house on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, the early home of Rev. Dr. Rexford's mother. It was used for toasting bread in front of the fire place. Donor, Angus St-Martin.
- 192.—This is a part of a board used in the construction of the Coolidge house which was built about the year 1800. It was sawn by an old slow moving upright saw. Donor, Angus St. Martin, Knowlton's Landing, Que.
- 193.—These nails were taken from boards used in the construction of the Coolidge house. They are hand made as will appear by an examination. Donor, Angus St. Martin.
- 194.—Brazil fruit or carp containing Brazil nuts, brought from Trinidad by Sewell Williams Jr. and presented by Mrs. F. P. Williams.

- 195.—A pair of wooden hinges taken from a door of late Andrew Libby's house about 75 years ago. Presented by H. E. Williams in 1905.
- 196.—Hat box and hat which belonged to the late Rev. Joseph Scott an early Church of England Minister, who served at Knowlton, leaving in 1849. Donor, Jno. Caverly, Esq.
- 197.—Hatchet found on the Potton shore of Lake Memphremagog, near the site of the first residence of Isaac Brown. It was ploughed up by Dennison Brown, grandson of Isaac in 1862. Isaac Brown settled there in 1804. It is said that 3 of Rodgers Rangers in their flight from the Indians were by them captured somewhere in that vicinity.
Presented by the nephew of Dennison Brown, E. C. Barnet.
- 198.—A Trencher, one of a number brought from England in 1843 by Hon. P. H. Knowlton. They were used by the Knowlton family in Darley Place, Derbyshire as lunch plates but formerly belonged to the family of Thomas Knowlton who died in 1790. Presented by Miss Mary A. Ogilvy to whom it was given by I. Asa Knowlton, Boston, Mass.
- 199.—Mortar and Pestle, used over 100 years ago and up to 1867. in the manufacture of Brown's Drops. Presented to the Brome County Historical Society by William Brown, Sutton, Que. Aug. 29th. 1905.
- 200.—Wooden and iron plough bearing date of 1790.
Donor Mr. Lemoine. Per Judge Foster.
- 201.—The sign which was used by the late Mr. Blinn when he kept the "Farmer's Inn" at Stanbridge East.
Donor Chas. Blinn, Sen.
- 202.—A corner chisel. Presented by Orrin Traver.
- 203.—211 inclusive are up-stairs.
- 203.—Iron Candel sticks which had been from early times in the possession of the family of Levi Brimmer, of East Farnham. Donor, J. J. Brimmer.
- 204.—A copy of a paper bearing date of Jan'y. 4th. 1800 giving an account of the funeral of General George Washington. Presented to B. C. H. S. by Mrs. Russell Cleveland, Knowlton. Que.
- 205.—Invitation to a Social Ball, Churchville, 1850.
- 206.—Certificates of the Banns of marriage, Petersham, Mass. 1773.
- 207.—Poll List for Township of Bolton and other Bolton documents 1852-53. Donor, A. Randall.
- 208.—Certificate of the appointment of Alex. McKenne to position of Sergeant of 4th Bat., District of Montreal, Philip Luke, Lieut.-Col. 1820.
- 209.—Historical Society's Papers. Date 1792, from Mr. McKenne, Frost Village.
- 210.—Quebec Gazette, centenary number, Tuesday, June 21, 1864.
Donor, Mrs. Massie, Cowansville.
- 211.—Vermont Phoenix, clippings re P. Holland Knowlton.
- 212.—Meat Broiler. Donor, Miss Jaques, Cowansville.

- 213.—Includes a cream pitcher, sugar bowl, 2 blue plates, 1 blue cup and saucer and one light blue vegetable dish with cover. Presented by Miss Eliza Brill of Bolton. They belonged to her mother the late Mrs. Isaac Brill, some of which is probably nearly 100 years old.
- 214.—Kitchen Table which belonged to the late Col. Christian Wehr, of Missisquoi Bay; at St. John's he settled in 1781.
Age of the table unknown, it was moved from Holland when he became a new settler at the Bay. Presented by Miss Eliza Brill, great granddaughter of the former owner.
- 215.—China Cupboard, which was given to Catherine Heath by her father Col. Ruiter, at time of her marriage about the year 1806.
- 216.—Andiron. Donated by Edgar C. Barnett.
- 217.—Eye glasses and case which belonged to Capt. John Brill, Blacksmith of West Bolton, used by him in regular work after his eyesight began to fail. He died in 1856.
- 218.—A fork found in a ploughed field and presented by J. C. Pettes, Esq.
- 219.—A hammer which belonged to Wm. Powell, who was one of the early settlers of Potton. He was the grandfather of J. P. Noyes, Prothonotary, Sweetsburg. The hammer was given to the Society by Mrs. Harvey Woodbury who is now, in the year 1910, ninety-two years old. Her sister died in Kinde, Mich., in her 102nd year in 1906. The hammer was used for many years by their father, the above mentioned Mr. Powell, who was a shoemaker. The handle is supposed to be the same one that he used.
- 220.—A hand made spool used in the manufacture of cloth, made by the late Mr. Traver, grandfather of G. W. Traver, Potton. Mr. Traver was a cloth maker as well as a farmer.
- 221.—Cannon Ball found on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, about two feet below the surface. It was presented to the B. C. H. S. by Dr. G. W. Parmelee, Quebec.
It was found on the exact spot on which the French troops were drawn up in battle line. Sept. 13, 1759.
- 222.—Sausage filler, used by Nancy Miltimore, wife of Daniel Miltimore, one of the early settlers in the south of Potton. Donor, their grandson, Wm. H. Miltimore, Glen Sutton.
- 223.—Andiron used on the old Miltimore place, Glen Sutton, which farm was first settled on by a brother-in-law of Major Robert Rogers, of the Royal Rangers, namely Hugh Miller. Donor, W. H. Miltimore, Glen Sutton.
- 224.—Patent of Nobility from George III to General Geo. Harris. Conferring upon him the title of baron of Seringapatam, Mysoré and of Belmont. Presented by R. K. Harris, Chief Engineer O. M. R'y.
- 225.—Stone gouge Missisquoi Bay by Major J. A. Hawley and by him presented to the B. C. H. S. M.

226.—Arrow head found on July 22., 1894 at Blood's Creek, which makes out into Missisquoi Bay, by Major J. A. Hawley.

227.—A Box containing: —

- (A) 2 Powder cans,
- (B) Knife sheath, tobacco pouch and bag for powder, (all of rawhide)
- (C) 3 tin testing tubes.
- (D) 1 M. S. S. account. Date 1788. Settlement between Nath. Chandler and Samuel Willard.
- (E) 1 Whetstone.
- (F) Asbestos rock.
- (G) Order for goods from E. Holland.
- (H) 1 pocket comb.
- (I) Lock of S. Willard's hair.
- (J) Lock of Sophy Willard's hair.
- (K) Lock of Geo. Willard's hair.
- (L) Package of papers concerning the Church at Frost Village 1825.
- (M) 1 Chamois glove.
- (N) 1 piece of rawhide.
- (O) 1 white Kid glove.
- (P) 1 copy Montreal Daily Transcript 1868.
- (Q) 1 package of Retch Work Patterns.

The above belong to the Samuel Willard Collection.

228.—A portrait of Mr. Chas. A. Jackson, who was for nine years Principal of the Academy when the classes were held in this building.

229.—A pocket book made and owned by Mr. Vincent, a tanner, 1827. Loaned to the B. C. H. Museum by Mr. Chas. Beales of Brome, Que.

230.—A spoon which belonged to Asenath Johnson, born in 1795. Given by Mrs. Percy C. Taylor.

231.—Portrait of Miss Nancy Hawley age 100 years (Compare no. 63.) Crochet work done by her at age of 91 and a bit of knitted lace by her at age of 101 years and 2 mos.

232.—Wheel barrow made from wood from the Stewart Memorial Church Frelighsburg.

233.—2 Pieces of petrified wood.

234.—Granite from the Mormon New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City also another specimen.

235.—Silver Ore from Red Cloud Silver Mine, Col.

236.—3 specimens from Mount Siliamar, Rocky Mts.

237.—Specimens from Cape Horn.

238.—Specimen from the old fort at Chambly.

239.—Specimen of red wood bark from Yosemite.

240.—Fenian bayonet from Eccles Hill. It was obtained by Col. Foster's son after the Fenian raid.

This collection belonged to the late Col. A. B. Foster: and was presented to the Brome County Historical Museum June 1907 by his daughter Mrs. W. B. Edgarton. Nos. 232 — 240 inclusive.

- 241.—Portrait of Pro. J. W. Marsh, who was Principal of Knowlton Academy from 1858 to 1862.
- 242.—Hand made Hetchel for stripping flax. Made by Josiah Sanborn Sutton, Que. about 1780.
Presented by Mrs. E. P. Curry of Abercorn, Que. one of his descendants, April 18th, 1907.
- 243.—Wrought iron, hand made plow, brought to Sutton in 1802 by Benjamin Mudget and presented by one of his descendants to the B. C. H. S.
- 244.—Rebel Newspaper. Printed on wall paper. Last issue of a Confederate Newspaper, July 1st just before Capitulation 1863. And an article set up by the Northern men on their finding the issue in the printing office on the morning of the fourth July 1863. Donor, E. A. Dyer, Esq., Sutton.
- 245.—Conservative Members of the House of Commons. 1892. Donor, Rev J. H. Fowler, M. A.
- 246.—A cane or alpenstock used for climbing mountains, bearing stamp "Souvenir de la Grande Chartreuse".
It has been blessed by the Pope. Donor, Judge S. W. Foster.
- 247.—A Staff which is said to have belonged to "Jeff. Davis".
It was given to Judge Foster by the caretaker on his old plantation. Given to the B. C. H. S. Museum by Judge S. W. Foster.
- 248.—A portrait of the late Col. Paul Holland Knowlton, founder of this village and under whose orders this building was erected as a Church School. The portrait was given to the B. C. H. S. by Mr. Paul Holland Knowlton of Guilford, Me. whose father was nephew and adopted son of Col. Knowlton.
- 249.—Friends Library — containing one hundred and sixteen books (see catalogue of books). Donated by the Friends or Quakers at East Farnham.
- 250.—Corn sheller made by Frederick Primmerman, II. Donor, Mrs. Byron Jenkins.
- 251.—Last, made by Frederick Primmerman II. Donor, Mrs. Byron Jenkins.
- 252.—Boot tree made by Frederick Primmerman II. Donor, Mrs. B. Jenkins.
F. Primmerman II. died April 26, 1906, age 88 yrs. His wife was Mary Bassette, their only child, Mrs. Byron Jenkins.
- 253.—Corn cutter used by the Plosse family on Dutch street, Stanbridge. Donor, Mr. Ruben M Jones, Stanbridge.
- 254.—A whetstone found in the crotch of a tree about the year 1785 when the Primmerman family first settled in St. Armand. It was found by Frederick Primmerman I, who served under George III. Presented by his great granddaughter. Mrs. Byron Jenkins.
- 255.—Spurs used by Frederick Primmerman II when he served as scout or guard in 1837, and was stationed part of one season at Bolton Pass when he boarded with Nathan Hanson. The rowels were made by himself out of coppers.

- 256.—An adjustable candle stick made of wood by Peter Primmerman father of Frederick Primmerman II and son of Frederick Primmerman I. He was born in 1793 and died in 1878. F. Primmerman II learned his trade as a shoe-maker from George Fellows who lived at the Holt Distillery. The wife of Geo. Fellows was a Miss Manson. They afterwards went to Montreal where they kept a hotel.
The candlestick was presented to the B. C. H. S. Museum by Mrs. Byron Jenkins.
- 257.—Papers of the circuit court of Brome and Shefford. Date 1845. Donor, J. P. Noyes, Esq., Sweetsburgh.
- 258.—(a) Papers conferring title of ensign upon Martin Duboice, Gent from George Earl of Dalhousie 1824.
(b) Papers conferring title of Lieutenant upon Martin Duboice, Gent from Matthew Lord Aylmer, 1831. Donor, Mrs. R. P. Duboyce, West Bolton.
- 259.—Iron brought from the first iron works established among English people on the American Continent in the year 1620. In 1622 the Indians massacred all the people and destroyed the works. The foundry was situated on Falling Creek, Drewry's Bluff about 9 miles from Richmond, Va. on a farm now owned by A. W. Bensley, a Canadian.
- 260.—A branch of the Sweet Gum tree cut from a tree opposite to the site of the first flour mill in America from which flour was shipped to England. It is situated on Falling Creek nearly opposite to site of First Foundry.
- 261.—A package from Chas. Blinn containing : —
1 book — Heavenly Foot-man. 1811 — Letters which passed between Dyers, Halls and Blinns, bearing dates : 1812, 1822, 1824, 1840, 1847. Montreal Almanack 1836. Montreal Register 1848, History of Beasts 1836. Infant Preacher 1820.
- 262.—David Heath's Commission as Ensign 1812.
Donor, E. C. Barnett.
- 263.—Commission of Lieut. Joshua Willard. 1755.
Commission of 1st Major Joshua Willard 1771.
Commission of Captain Joshua Willard 1762.
Appointment as Justice of Peace to J. Willard, 1762.
Commission of 2nd Major Joshua Willard 1767.
6.—Commission of 1st Major Joshua Willard 1771.
- 264.—Papers from Samuel Willard securing to Phineas Wait for sum of £55 a parcel of land in Petersham 1794.
- 265.—Grant of the Township of Shefford to John Savage and his several associates 39 in number. 1792.
- 266.—(a) Arrow heads brought from ancient camping ground of the Powhatan Indians, Richmond, Va. Farm now owned by A. W. Bensley, Canadian.
(b) Bullets also found on same farm were most probably fired by soldiers in civil war.
(c) Bullet brought from the Fort at Drewry's Bluff, Va. The fort is now growing up to trees but the

excavations for powder magazines cannon stands, etc., are still to be seen. No attempt being made to level the land or in any way detract from the historical spot.

Farm owned by Mr. Bellwood, a Canadian.

- 267.—“Broom” brought from Richmond, Va. This plant is originally from England where a parish is so called and from which our county gets its name.
- 268.—A piece of wood cut from one of the Redwood trees on top of Mt. Lowe, California, Nov. 19-1905. 6100 feet above the sea.
- 269.—The first metal door knob used in Bolton 1837, at the old Coolidge Farm, Knowlton Landing. Farm now owned by A. St. Martin. Donor, A. St. Martin.
- 270.—Yoke for working with one ox. Donor, I. England, Esq.
- 271.—Cobalt Bloom from Cobalt, Ont. Donor, Mr. McKerrow
- 272.—Copper, Lead and silver, Galena from Temagami Lake, in Ontario. Donor, Mr. McKerrow.
- 273.—Saddle bags which once belonged to Daniel Miltimore who settled in South Potton in 1812.
Donor, Jas. Miltimore, Mansonville.
- 274.—Brick taken from the site of the house in which Hadlock was shot by Elkins in the Rebellion of 1837.
- 275.—Sap yoke made by the late Daniel Chadsey an old pioneer of Sutton, Que. (Then Lower Canada) about the year 1838 and was used by him many seasons in gathering Maple Sap.
- 276.—Inkstand of iron which belonged to Lewis Durkee, Grandfather of H. A. Parsons of Sutton. Lewis Durkee was an early settler of West Brome.
Foster Collection, addition, Jan. 1908.
Nos. 277-278 and 279.
- 277.—(a) an instrument used by Dr. S. S. Foster for bleeding’
5 blades.
(b) an old jack-knife with initials S. F. cut in handle.
(c) “In Memoriam” Stephen Sewell Foster, M. D. 1868.
(d) Grass from which paper is made. It can only be grown in Africa fine enough to be used for sample, obtained Sept. 1875.
(e) Flint stone from Windsor Castle, brought in 1875.
(f) Medal won by A. B. Foster of Waterloo, at the Provincial Agricultural Exposition in 1868, for a “3 year old Filly”.
(g) Ditto, for a “2 year old Heifer”.
(h) Ditto, for a “Bull one year”.
(i) Ditto, for a “2 year old Heifer.”
(j) Ditto, for a “Pair of working oxen.”
These five are in silver, granted by the Department of Agriculture of Lower Canada. 1852.
(k) Medal in bronze to A. B. Foster etc. in 1868 for a fat cow or Heifer.
(l) Red Jasper from which stones are cut for the brooches which are set in silver.

- (m) Petrified shell and teeth of animal found in Coprslite diggings in Cambridgeshire, England.
 - (n) Albert Edward Prince of Wales Medal, given to Hon. A. B. Foster, as Senator on event of Prince of Wales visit to Canada and the inauguration of Victoria Bridge, 1860.
 - (o) Very large Medal. Queen Victoria — given in 1867, when the Dominion of Canada was formed.
- 278.—Cradle in which, as a baby, Mrs. A. B. Foster was rocked and in which her children were rocked.
- 279.—Chair—small and cane seated — which belonged to the children of Mrs. A. B. Foster.
- 280.—Linen woven by Mrs. John Blunt in 1853, from flax raised and prepared for spinning by Mr. John Blunt in 1852. Mrs. John Blunt in 1908 is living at age of 83 years. Donor, Mrs. John Dixon, Foster, Que.
- 281.—Relics of "Alry finances of our neighbors in early days." Notes issued in 1857, Bank of Tekama Burt Co. Nebraska. Donor, Chas. O. Jones, Bedford. (It is kept in Olcott dressing — case drawer.)
- 282.—A pair of gloves worn by Clara Barton the first head of the "Red Cross Society" for caring for the soldiers etc. Presented by Mrs. Ellen G. Foster.
- 283.—Candle Moulds, brought to Canada by Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Foster in 1822.
- 284.—Hand Reel, for winding yarn into skeins, used in Vermont in the years 1700 etc. and also in Canada in Shefford and Brome County. Presented by Mrs. S. W. Foster.
- 285.—A linen handkerchief which belonged to Charles Kathan, Sweetsburg, Que. in 1812. Presented by his granddaughter, Dr. Emily C. Willoughby, Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 1908.
- 286.—Large yellow dish which belonged to the late Mrs. J. W. Brill of West Bolton. Presented by Miss Eliza Brill.
- 287.—Yellow bowl which has been in use since 1850. Presented by Miss Eliza Brill, West Bolton.
- 288.—(a) a small plate. (b) cup and saucer, which belonged to Mrs. Martin Duboyce, West Bolton. Probably in use for 50 years.
Donor, B. M. Duboyce.
- 289.—Metal spectacle case which belonged to the late Mr. Martin Duboyce, West Bolton. Donor, R. M. Duboyce.
- 290.—Chest which belonged to the late Dr. Barber, containing many pictures to illustrate phrenology. Donated by Mrs. Ellen G. Foster.
- 291.—A Brandy flask. Donor, Miss Dent.
- 292.—A pair of Scales. Donor, Miss A. Dent.
- 293.—Hat measure of wood. Donor, Miss A. Dent.
- 294.—Shaving brush.
- 295.—A pencil sketch of Jonathan Larabee, mounted in hand made wooden frame. Jonathan Larabee was the paternal

grandfather of F. B. Foster of Bolton Centre, by whom the picture was donated. He thinks it is much over 100 years since it was done.

- 296.—Pepper shake which belonged to the wife of Nicholas Austin II who was a nephew of Nicholas Austin I, the Leader, and with him came to Bolton in 1795.
N. A. II built the first mills in Bolton.
The pepper shake was given by Mrs. N. Austin II, (whose maiden name was Mary Winslow) to her granddaughter, Mary Edmunds, now wife of A. Murray Fisk of Abbotsford, who presented it to the B. C. H. M. June 4, 1908.
- 297.—A water dipper made from a knurl of a tree and used for many years as the only water dipper of the Sargent family.
- 298.—A clock reel used by the family of Sargents many years ago.
- 299.—The Commission of Roswell Sargent, given in 1802 at Potton.
- 300.—Saddle bags which were owned and used by the grandfather of the great grandfather of Alfred Sargent of Stukely. (These four 297-298-299-300 were given to the B. C. H. M. Museum by Alfred Sargent, June 1908.
- 301.—A swingle board for striking out flax.
Donated by Mr. Reid, Sutton.
- 302.—A key found by telephone men when digging a pole hole, two feet below the surface, near the fire station.
Some years ago an armory stood there in which Lieut. W. W. Lynch used to drill his men. It is thought that the key belonged to this building.
- 303.—Stone hatchet found on Alva Farm, the property of Hon. S. A. Fisher and by him presented to the Brome County Historical Society.
- 304.—Press board from the Willard Family.
- 305.—Chinese Spoon. Donor, Miss E. G. Taylor.
- 306.—Collection Box which was used in the old Methodist Church at Knowlton.
- 307.—Bytown Gazette, March 6th 1856. Donated by Mrs (Rev.) W. H. Stevens.
- 308.—A Piece of Cork in natural state.
- 309.—Oil Painting of Mary Summerhays Dunkin and child. Mary Summerhays was the only child that was spared to John and Mary Summerhays and was born May 22nd 1740; died January 27th 1806. She became the grand mother of Judge Dunkin. The Baby (Judge Dunkin's Father) was Summerhays Dunkin.
- 310.—Oil Painting of John Dunkin, husband of Mary Summerhays Dunkin and grandfather of Judge Dunkin.
- 311.—Shells from the Isle of Man. Donor Miss Edith Jaques.
- 312.—Piece of Lava from Mount Vesuvius. Donor E. W. Arthy Esq.
- 313.—Different kinds of Lava, ground into powder, from Mt. Vesuvius. Donor E. W. Arthy Esq.

- 314.—A Pipe which passed through the fire which nearly destroyed Fernie B. C. Presented by A. Drummond Esq.
- 315.—A Cream Jug which was picked up after the fire from the ruins of a hotel in Fernie B. C. Presented by A. Drummond Esq.
- 316.—A Rocker Churn which belonged to the wife of Ephraim Hawley Sen. of Sutton. The last time that she made butter in it was in the year 1869.
- 317.—Swingle Knife used by Ephraim Hawley Sen.
- 318.—Harnesses for loom made by Mrs. Ephraim Hawley Sen.
- 319.—Swift Sticks used by Mrs Ephraim Hawley Sen.
- 320.—Reed for loom used by Mrs Ephraim Hawley Sen.
(Articles Nos. 316, 317, 318, 319, 320 belong to the Hawley collection and were presented by Mrs. Amos Hawley of Sutton, Que.)
- 321.—Old style Hoe. Donated by Rev. E. M. Taylor.
- 322.—Cooper's Adze. Donated by Rev. E. M. Taylor.
- 323.—This Jug was called a "Black Nigger" and was owned by the grandmother of E. Jackson Sweet of Brome. She was a Mrs. Gilman from Canaan, N.H., and was one of the first settlers of Brome Township, settling in Gilman Corner. Donor, E. Jackson Sweet.
- 324.—An Electric Light off the cab of the Engine which went down in the wreck at Eastman P. Q. in the year 1908. Donor C. K. Temple Esq.
- 325.—A huge lock and key from an early settler's home. Presented by B. C. McNab, Cowansville.
- 326.—A Bust of Dr. Jonathan Barber, father-in-law of Justice Dunkin. From D. Bancroft Esq., through Mrs. S. W. Foster.
- 327.—A Case with Masonic Apron and O. F. Regalia once worn by the late Justice Dunkin. From D. Bancroft Esq., through Mrs. S. W. Foster.
- 328.—Two Tomahawk edges and a Fish hook made of Copper found on Round Island, Lake Memphremagog. They date back to the time when the Indians knew how to temper copper. (They are loaned to the B. C. H. Society.)
- 329.—Tailor's Goose for pressing and ironing clothes. It was brought from England in 1843 by Henry Jersey, tailor. Donor, Mrs. F. N. Jersey, South Bolton.
- 330.—A Horseshoe in section of a Maple tree found in the Bolton Lumber woods. Donated by G. S. True, Bolton Centre.
- 331.—Envelope containing: —
a.—Birth Certificate of Christopher Dunkin.
b.—Birthday letter to Martha Hemming Feb'y 25th 1795.
c.—Letter to Christopher Dunkin from John Hemming Sen. August 27th 1818.
d.—Letters on Natural History written by Christopher Dunkin to his Mother, when at school in Kim-

bolton in 1822.

- e.—Marriage Certificate of Christopher Dunkin to Mary Barber August 13th 1835.
- f.—Letter written to Christopher Dunkin by his grand father, John Hemming Sen., in the year 1817.

322.—Envelope containing: —

- a.—A Commission appointing Christopher Dunkin Esq., Barrister, Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor in all Her Majesty's Courts etc., 1846.
- b.—Commission appointing Christopher Dunkin as Captain of Light Infantry Battalion of Montreal 1846.
- c.—Masonic Certificates of Christopher Dunkin from the Grand Lodge of England 1858-1860.
- d.—Paper from the Department of Finance 1868 referring to John Heath.
- e.—Two certificates of promotion to Christopher Dunkin University of London, Session 1828-1829.
- f.—Five Certificates of promotion to Christopher Dunkin, University of London, Session 1829-1830.
- g.—Certificate of Matriculation to Christopher Dunkin, University of London 1828.
- h.—Certificate and Library Ticket from Glasgow University 1830-1831.

333.—Envelope containing: —

- a.—Commission appointing Christopher Dunkin to be Captain of Light Infantry Battalion of Montreal 1847. Signed by Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.
- b.—Commission appointing C. Dunkin Esq., to be Member of the Executive Council of the Province of Quebec 1867.
- c.—Master of Arts degree conferred upon Christopher Dunkin by Harvard University 1860.

334.—Envelope containing: —

- a.—Commission appointing Captain Dunkin to be Major of Light Infantry Battalion of Montreal, 1856.
- b.—Commission appointing Major Dunkin to be Lieut.-Colonel of the Light Infantry Battalion of Montreal 1857.
- c.—Commission appointing Hon. C. Dunkin to be Treasurer of the Province of Quebec 1867.
- d.—Commission appointing Hon. C. Dunkin to be the Minister of Agriculture 1869.
- e.—Commission appointing Lieut.-Col. Dunkin to be in charge of the Bedford Battalion Infantry, Volunteer Militia of the Province of Canada, Knowlton 1867.

335.—Envelope containing: —

- a.—Commission appointing Henry Bancroft Esq. Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at Law in all the Courts of Lower Canada, 1850.
- b.—Birth Certificate of Mary Barber 1813.

- c.—Copy of a letter recommending Dr. Barber's "Grammar of Elocution" signed by Professors of Yale 1830.
- d.—Copy of a letter advising Dr. Barber of his election by ballot to be a member of the Committee of the Southwark Auxiliary Bible Society 1815.
- 336.—Cameo — Picture of Summerhays Dunkin — Father of Judge Dunkin.
- 337.—Cameo — Picture of Martha Hemming Dunkin, Mother of Judge Dunkin.
(331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337 together with 309 and 310 were presented to the B. C. H. Society by Mrs. E. Frost of Montreal).
- 338.—A Copy of the St. Francis Courier and Sherbrooke Gazette Oct. 2nd 1834.
- 339.—A Copy of the Township Reformer — Stanbridge L. C. Tuesday November 21st 1857.
- 340.—A Tidy knit by Eliza White about 1859. It was presented to the B. C. H. Society by her daughter, Isabelle White Adams (Mrs. Darius Adams, South Bolton.) June 1909.
- 341.—A Portrait of Dr. William Henry Drummond. Presented to the B. C. H. Society by Frank W. McLaughlin, Esq., New York.
- 342.—Enlarged portrait of group taken at the Reunion of the Pupils of the old Knowlton Academy, July 2nd and 3rd, 1909. Presented by Malcom Robb.
- 343.—Enlarged portraits of the old people of Knowlton. Presented by Mr. Justice Lynch.

